recruiting for student staff positions at university apartments!

community advisor

university apartments is now accepting applications for the position of community advisor (ca). the ca position is a part-time student live-in position, working an average of 15 hours per week year round, with compensation including paid rent and utilities for a two bedroom apartment and a monthly stipend.

chas serve as representatives of the university and are available to answer questions, assist residents, aid in developing a community atmosphere and assist in enforcing university and apartment policies. cAs must be enrolled as full time students (at least six hours for dissertation/phd level) and report to the apartments coordinator, julie lekstutis. if selected for the ca position, you must have a texas driver’s license, or be able to obtain one within 6 weeks of hire and may be required to drive university vehicles on occasion. applicants must be able to relocate to another complex or apartment; be available during holiday breaks; serve on an on-call basis after hours, weekends, and holidays on a rotating basis with other cAs; and be able to commit to a minimum of two years length of service. if you have community development experience and excellent customer service skills and would like to apply for the ca position, email your 1-2 page resume and cover letter to jlekstutis@austin.utexas.edu right away if you are interested!

deadline: 07/12/15 at 11pm.

front office

student assistant

the university apartments office is looking to hire a 20 hour per week position. the pay rate is $8.25 per hour. ideally we would like a one to two year commitment for this position. work hours are the afternoon shift (12 noon to 4 p.m.) monday through friday. interviews are expected to be scheduled on the afternoon of thursday, july 2nd so apply through hire a longhorn (job id 54927) right away if you are interested!
These updates will be published in the 2015-16 University Apartments Living Guide. These changes were published in the May 2015 Housing Post and will be available on the University Apartments website.

1. **Candles**
   Candles must be in a self-contained non-combustible container.

2. **Electric Extension Cords**
   The University Fire Marshal has indicated that uses of some electrical extension devices is approved. Extension cords, power strips and multi-plug devices are acceptable only if they are *Underwriter’s Laboratory (UL) rated and have a built-in circuit breaker*. Extension cords, power strips and multi-plug devices without built-in circuit breakers are prohibited.

   **Approved electrical extension cords, power strips and multi-plug devices must:**
   - Be UL rated with built in circuit breaker (note: these will usually have a red or green indicator light)
   - Constructed from heavy-duty materials, consisting of 12-, 14- or 16-gauge wire
   - Be a three-wire grounded plug
   - Rated for a maximum of 15 amps and 1875 watts
   - Designed for indoor use only – extension cords designed for outdoor use are prohibited

   **Other approved electrical extensions:** *Universal or Uninterrupted Power Supply Device (UPS)*. A UPS protects your computer from power surges and failures and allows you to "run" the attached device safely during these times.

3. **Plug Adaptors:** When using plug adaptors for a foreign-made appliance, the appliance should be plugged into the plug adaptor, which should be plugged into a multi-plug device with a built-in circuit breaker, as described above. Voltage transformers made outside the United States are prohibited.

   No other electrical extension devices are allowed. All extension cords, power strips and multi-plug devices are limited to one per wall outlet. Electrical Extension Devices that do not meet these standards are not allowed to be present in any apartment unit. Use of unauthorized extension devices presents a fire hazard. Students found in possession of unauthorized electrical extension devices will be directed to immediately remove the item and will be subject to disciplinary action.

4. **Charcoal Lighter Fluid**
   Charcoal lighter fluid may be kept in quantities of 32 ounces or less and must remain in the original manufacturer’s packing. The lighter fluid should be kept in a fire-rated container inside your apartment, not left outside within the reach of children.
Addition to the Apartment Contract Terms & Conditions: Possible Charges for Pest Control

Effective July 1, 2015, the below text is part of your Contract Terms and Conditions:

You are required to (1) cooperate with University personnel carrying out any bed bug or other pest control treatment in your apartment, including washing, cleaning or permanently removing any infested possessions, clothing or equipment from your apartment, temporarily vacate the apartment, (2) have personal property removed and treated by a licensed pest control professional approved by The University at your own expense. (3) promptly notify The University of any known or suspected bedbug infestation in the apartment or personal property and of any recurring or unexplained bites or skin irritations that may be caused by bedbugs or other pests. If any personal property cannot be treated or cleaned, it must be destroyed and removed from your apartment, (4) be responsible for payment of any reasonable costs for the treatment of bedbugs in your apartment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Community Advisor or the Apartments Office.
“Wildlife Preservation and Self-Protection”

By Mao-Chia Sun, Apartments ESL Instructor

Many of you already know that Austin is renowned for its outdoors activities, its music, and its weirdness. However, do you know that Austin is also famous for wildlife preservation? In 2009, Austin was designated a Community Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation as a result of Austin’s dedication to wildlife conservation and environmental protection. Up until now, there are 2,154 certified wildlife habitats in this lovely city. To keep Austin wild, we, as residents of Austin, need to learn more about the amazing wildlife and landscapes that make our city beautiful.

With a diversity of wildlife in Austin, many of you may have noticed some common wild animals around the University Apartments such as squirrels, raccoons, deer, lizards, skunks, and so on. Some of you may have even seen snakes in the neighborhood. It is normal to see them frequently because we reside in the neighborhood of the woods, which are also wildlife habitats. Thus, it is critical for us to learn how to live in harmony with the wildlife that surrounds our living space. There are a few things we need to be aware of:

1) **Don’t feed any wildlife creatures**: Feeding wild animals will encourage them to think of humans as food sources and then make them lose their natural fear of people. Once the animals become comfortable in our living areas, they will panhandle for food, which might spread disease to us or become a nuisance.

2) **Close dumpster lids and side doors**: Wild animals are attracted to garbage as a major food source. Dumpsters that are not properly closed are like a dinner invitation to the animals. Food in the dumpsters is not nutritious enough for the animals and may harm their health.

3) **Use non-toxic pesticides in your garden & plants**: Chemical pesticides are harmful not only to the environment but also to wildlife. If you are fond of gardening, please try to go with organic gardening and use natural garden pest control.

4) **Be alert when driving**: Driving carefully around wooded or rural areas is beneficial to wild creatures that scamper into or wander toward the road. A large animal, like a deer, can do much damage to your car and even to you, so look out when driving around these areas. Both raccoons and opossums like to show up at night, so be vigilant so as to avoid hitting or running over them.

With an increase in human-wildlife interactions, especially in summertime, not only do we need to learn how to live in harmony with wildlife, but also we have to know how to protect ourselves when seeing wild animals. In principle, most animals here will not attack people unless they feel threatened. They can carry diseases (e.g., rabies, tuberculosis, and parasites) that pose a serious threat to our health, though the highest risk is amongst people that handle wild animals, such as hunters and wildlife managers. Diseases may also spread from animals to humans via fleas, ticks and mosquitoes. Therefore, the best way to protect ourselves is to not approach them. Snakes also usually make an appearance in warm weather. When outdoor encounters with snakes occur, step back and leave the snakes alone. If a snake is not leaving or is a threat to personal safety, please call City of Austin Animal Services (dial 311) to request removal.

If you would like more detailed information about self-protection and wildlife preservation, please read the University Apartments Living Guide (https://www.utexas.edu/student/housing/index.php?site=0&scod=2&id=299) or visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife website (http://tpwd.texas.gov/education/resources/texas-junior-naturalists/be-nature-safe). Stay cool, stay safe, and enjoy the summer!

**Information Resources:**

- https://austintexas.gov/department/wildlife-austin
- http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/feed_wildlife.html
- http://blog.nwf.org/2015/03/how-to-live-responsibly-alongside-our-wild-neighbors/
Tenant Advisory Board (TAB)

The Tenant Advisory Board is comprised of 2 residents from each complex (Brackenridge, Colorado & Gateway) and one representative from the Apartments Office. TAB meets twice a month during the semester to discuss resident concerns and ways to improve life within University Apartments.

All residents are encouraged to attend TAB

The June Meeting will be held:

Tuesday, July 28th
6:30pm-8:00pm

In the Brackenridge Community Room

TAB UT Apartments Summer 2015 PHOTO CONTEST

Entries due: July 21 at 9 pm

Theme: “Summer Chillout”
Send us your snapshots of trees, blue skies, walking trails, July 4th fireworks, and any other aspect of summer nature and family gathering.

How to Enter
Email your photo to JLekstutis@austin.utexas.edu with your name and a caption for your photo. We will post the entries to Facebook (www.facebook.com/UTexasApartments). One winner will be chosen by your Tenant Advisory Board, and one will be chosen based on which photo receives the most “likes” on Facebook!
Vote duration: July 21 ~ July 28

Prize
Two winners will receive a $50 Amazon gift card!
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BRK = Brackenridge Community Room  COL = Colorado Community Room  GAT = Gateway Community Room
KIDS CAMP 2015

for school-aged children (5 & up)
Three Fun-Filled Themed Days:

7/22 MAD SCIENCE DAY Wednesday
7/23 Sustainability Day Thursday
7/24 WATER DAY Friday

From 10am-3pm daily

Snack provided daily; please provide packed lunch on 2nd and 3rd.
Pizza Party Lunch will be provided on the last day of camp.

Sign-up packets are available in the front office.
Limited space available.

Please bring your own drinking vessel to the event. As part of our commitment to sustainability, we do not supply disposable cups.

For special assistance or accommodation, email: kamping@utexas.edu. Requests must be submitted at least five (5) business days prior to the event.

UT APARTMENTS + YOGA

Summer Camp

Start the weekend right with yoga! Join your community advisor and neighbors on campus for 1 hour of yoga. Get to know your neighbors and de-stress with yoga after the work week and before the weekend.

✓ The session is led by a UT Rec Sports Yoga instructor.
✓ Residents must bring their own yoga mat & water bottle.
✓ You must email kamping@utexas.edu to register for event.
✓ Only the first 40 residents to register may participate!
✓ UT Apartment residents and their adult guests only!

Where: Gregory Gym South
When: Friday, July 17th 4:15-5:15 PM

If you require special assistance or accommodations, email: kamping@utexas.edu.
Requests must be submitted at least five (5) business days prior to the event.
Hello everyone! I’m Gabe Venegas, a new Community Advisor at the Brackenridge complex. I was born in Boston, Massachusetts, but am Brazilian and Colombian by blood. I moved from Boston to Austin in 2013, where I’ve been pursuing a Masters in mechanical engineering. I am now working on a PhD with research focusing on underwater acoustics of the ocean floor.

I am inspired by the ocean and have spent a lot of time on it. I’ve even crossed the North Atlantic a couple of times on a sailboat. In between passages, I have found the people you meet make experience especially memorable and enjoyable. I plan on continuing this philosophy at the University Apartments and I am looking forward to meeting everyone!

I am living here with my girlfriend Toni, who moved here from Northern Ireland. She studied abroad at UT before and is back to complete a physical therapy degree at Texas State. We are fairly new to Austin, but we find that’s the best time to explore the city! We love food… All types. The eclectic range of food trucks here allows us to try a little bit of everything without spending a fortune and inspires new ideas for us to cook at home.

We very much enjoy our time here, whether it be sailing on Lake Travis with the university’s sailing club, enjoying the endless stream of live music, or dancing the Texas Two Step at the Broken Spoke. I am one of the officers at the UT Sailing Club, so if anyone wants to escape the summer heat and go sailing, let me know! Cheers!
**Rent**

- A 60 day written notice is required for all vacancies.
- If you give 30 to 59 days written advance notice you will pay a 50% penalty.
- If you give 1 to 29 days written advance notice you will pay an 85% penalty.

To view the terms & conditions of your contract in its entirety go to: www.utexas.edu/student/housing/index.php?site=0&scode=2&id=518

**Vacancy Notices**

- All service requests for your cable or internet service must go through the office via a maintenance request. A paper version of the request may also be submitted to the main office.
- Rent is always due on the **1st** of every month and late after the 5th of every month regardless of whether you receive a courtesy bill reminder email or not.
- Bookmark https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/dhfs/aptsapp/ for reference if you do not receive the courtesy bill reminder email.

**Grande Service Request**

- All service requests for your cable or internet service must go through the office via a maintenance request.
- Please **DO NOT** contact Grande for service directly. Grande will be turned away if we do not have a maintenance request on file for you.
- You may contact Grande directly if you want expanded services.
- Grande will not be given keys to your apartment if you did not submit a maintenance request for the work.

**Maintenance Requests**

- All maintenance issues in your apartment and around the complex must be reported via an online maintenance request. A paper version of the request may also be submitted to the main office.

**Pest Control Requests**

- All routine pest control requests must be submitted via maintenance request no later than 8 am Thursday morning.
- All routine pest control requests will be scheduled each Thursday between 9 am and 12 noon.
- If you request pest control, please remember that you are required to leave your apartment when pest control staff arrive and remain gone for 5 to 10 minutes.
- Due to a heavy workload, the tech cannot return that day.
- Emergency pest control situations should be reported to the office.

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**2014-2015 Apartment Monthly Rates**

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**Don't Forget!**

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### University Apartments

3501 Lake Austin Boulevard  
Austin, TX, 78703

**Open** Monday - Friday, 8am-4pm  
**Phone:** 512-232-5299

**Email:** dhfs.apartments@austin.utexas.edu

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### Hook ‘Em Home

Guided by our values and commitment to support the University mission, our vision is to provide first-class housing and food service while embracing an inclusive, nurturing, community where students and staff realize dreams while achieving goals.

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### Maintenance Requests:

[https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/dhfs/aptsapp/](https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/dhfs/aptsapp/)  
Log in and click on maintenance. Request form in the left hand column.

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