



## You are invited to the University of Texas at Austin where students are interested in public health and want to learn more!

The University of Texas at Austin is one of the largest universities in the nation and is a national leader in the number of undergraduate degrees awarded to minority students. Interest in public health is growing on campus as a result of collaborative partnerships between the university and its public health practice partners, the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) and the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (ATCHHSD). Initiatives in public health over the last six years have included:

### Three very successful “Become a Disease Detective: Discover Public Health!” Conferences

Each conference attracted over 700 students, faculty and advisors, giving them opportunities to hear talks based on real cases in epidemiology and “disease detective” work, and to engage in discussions with public health professionals about their activities, functions and careers. Participants learned about graduate programs in public health, spoke with representatives from public health organizations and received free books in the Exhibit Hall. A complete program, a list of activities and a final report about the 2008 Disease Detective conference can be found at [www.sbs.utexas.edu/diseasedetective](http://www.sbs.utexas.edu/diseasedetective).

### “Texas Public Health” student organization

This undergraduate student organization, devoted to public health, meets every two weeks on campus. [studentorgs.utexas.edu/publichealth](http://studentorgs.utexas.edu/publichealth)

### The Public Health Internship Program

This collaborative program gives undergraduates the opportunity to conduct one semester, goal-oriented research projects at TDSHS or ATCHHSD. Advanced summer internships focused on Texas-Mexico border health also are available at the University of Texas, School of Public Health, Brownsville Regional Campus. Twenty eight percent of the 102 students who have completed the program and graduated from the university are currently pursuing or have earned MPH or Ph.D. degrees in public health or dual MD/MPH degrees! <http://cns.utexas.edu/careers/career-services/internships/phi>

### A New Undergraduate Degree in Public Health

A Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health has gained approval from university administrators and will begin in Fall 2010.

## JOIN US FOR THE APRIL 2010 CONFERENCE

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of CDC and ASPH, the 2010 conference is free of charge to participants and exhibitors! In 2008, approximately 100 UT Austin faculty and advisors attended the conference as did 14 advisors from other universities in the nation. In 2010, 20 leaders in health professions advising from around the country will be awarded stipends to attend the conference and disseminate what they learn to their home universities. Programs are being designed to educate faculty, students and advisors about graduate education in public health. Participation by graduate schools of public health as exhibitors is key to the success of the conference. Nineteen graduate schools of public health exhibited in 2008; we hope to increase that number in 2010.

Please join us for an exciting conference and the opportunity to talk to hundreds of university students participants who will attend to learn more about public health! Check the conference website for updates: [www.sbs.utexas.edu/diseasedetective](http://www.sbs.utexas.edu/diseasedetective). To register as an exhibitor for April 7, 2010, please e-mail Dr. Diane Kneeland – [kneeland@cns.utexas.edu](mailto:kneeland@cns.utexas.edu). If you have questions, contact conference co-organizers: Dr. Kneeland or Dr. Leanne Field ([field@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:field@mail.utexas.edu)).

