As you register for this semester, and each semester hereafter, if you will keep the following information either in your memory bank or print and post this in a place you always see, your registration process will go so much smoother.

1. When you try to register for a class and the system won’t let you, the first thing you should do is click on the CRN numbers to see if you have met all of the prerequisites if there any.

2. The next thing you do is select the RESTRICTIONS link under the title of the class to see what if any restrictions have been placed on the class.

3. If the restriction says limited to Freshmen (U1) and Sophomores (U2) and you have more than 60 hours then you CANNOT register for the class because you are no longer a Freshman or a Sophomore. There are no exceptions.

4. If the restriction says Economics Majors Only, Horticulture Majors Only, Visualization Majors Only, etc., then you CANNOT register for the class because you are NOT in that major. There are no exceptions.

5. If one of the prerequisites and/or restrictions for an AGEC class says you must be a junior or a senior and you are NOT a junior or senior at the time you are registering, but WILL be a junior after the current semester, then you must go to http://agecon.tamu.edu/undergraduate/current-students/resources/, select the Force Request link and put in a force request for each AGEC class(es) you want/need.
   a. Please note that putting in a force request does not guarantee that you will be forced into the class, so it would be in your best interest to have a Plan B list of courses.
   b. Also, please note that force requests are NOT processed until grades are posted at the end of the semester.

6. Prerequisite are meant to be taken BEFORE the class for which they are required not concurrently. Example: AGEC 317 requires AGEC 217, ECON 323, and STAT 303 or STAT 301 or STAT 302 or SCMT 303 (for AGBU students). This means AGEC 217, ECON 323 and your statistics class must be taken BEFORE you can take AGEC 317. If you are in ECON 323 and/or statistics at the time you preregister, you will not be able to preregister for AGEC 317 because you have not completed ECON 323 and/or statistics. You will have to put in a force request. (SEE items 5, 5a, and 5b above.)

7. If you are trying to get into a full class in history, economics, math, etc., you will need to contact an advisor in that department. We cannot force students into classes that are not Agricultural Economics classes.

8. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE WEEK BEFORE PREREGISTRATION STARTS OR THE WEEKS DURING PREREGISTRATION TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO TALK WITH AN ADVISOR ABOUT THE CLASSES YOU SHOULD BE REGISTERING FOR. We strongly urge you to begin making appointments to see an advisor in mid- to late October for Spring preregistration assistance and in early March (or the week after Spring Break) for Summer and/or Fall preregistration assistance. In fact, your chances of getting in to see an advisor is greater if you make your appointment at least 3-4 weeks before preregistration begins. Once preregistration begins, our advisor’s calendars fill quickly with back-to-back appointments.

9. TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH AN ADVISOR DO NOT SEND THEM AN EMAIL ASKING FOR AN APPOINTMENT, IF YOU DO, THEY WILL SEND YOU AN EMAIL BACK TELLING YOU TO CALL THE OFFICE. In the time it takes for you to send an email to an advisor and receive an email from them telling you to call the office you could have already called the office and had an appointment made. Call 979-845-4911, our helpful front office people will help you make your appointment.
**Scholarships, Competitions, Fellowships**

**Agricultural Innovation Prize**
Administered by University of Wisconsin Madison
Funded by Howard G. Buffett Foundation

**Mission:** As the world’s largest student prize for agriculture, the primary goal of the Agricultural Innovation Prize is to educate, support, and celebrate the next generation of agricultural innovators. Contenders for the prize are provided the invaluable experience of designing a business plan, learning from a prestigious corps of mentors and competing on a national stage in a network of practicing agriculture innovators and entrepreneurs. The competition seeks student participation from across the spectrum of academic disciplines and interests. Student competitors will create successful ventures to improve agriculture by leveraging technology and ideas developed on and off campus. They will utilize mentor coaching and other professional resources as available, and will be supplied with information and direction by the national organizing body.

**Scope:** The Agricultural Innovation Prize was developed to encourage cutting-edge technology in agricultural and food systems. It connects various sectors and disciplines to better address challenges of the 21st century. We intend to draw diverse student teams from a wide range of disciplines and backgrounds to compete in the Ag Prize.

**Prizes/Award:**
- Grand Prize - $100,000
- Top 4 teams - $25,000 each
- Audience Choice - $15,000

**Deadline:** February 28, 2014

**40 Chances Fellows**
Partnership with Tony Blair’s African Governance Initiative, World Food Prize and Howard G. Buffett Foundation

**Mission:** The 40 Chances Fellows program will fund four 40 Chances Fellows with the most innovative social enterprise plans that use strategies built on the principles of 40 Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World.

**Scope:** These social enterprises must seek to address issues of hunger, conflict, or poverty and may be established in any one of the following four countries where the Africa Governance Initiative has a strong presence: Rwanda, Liberia, Sierra Leone, or Malawi. Each strategy must involve local leadership and management into the operations of the social enterprise by integrating local, place-based ownership and relying on locally driven design, development, and deployment in its programs or services. In addition, these enterprises should fill gaps in existing value chains, or otherwise combine a variety of complementary and existing efforts into a comprehensive and integrated approach to solve the intended challenge. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 39.

**Prize/Award:** Four fellows will receive $80,000 in start-up funds and $70,000 for living and transportation expenses (a total of $150,000) for one year.

**Deadline:** February 28, 2014
**Cargill Global Scholars Competition Program**

**Funded by Cargill**

**Mission:** The Cargill Global Scholars program provides financial support and leadership development opportunity to undergraduate students from around the world. Scholarships will be awarded to talented, high performing students studying in a field relevant to Cargill’s world of food, agriculture and risk management.

**Scope:** The Cargill Global Scholars Program includes the following countries: Brazil, China, India, Russia and the United States. The Cargill Global Scholars Program is a distinctive scholarship opportunity that not only provides financial support, but offers leadership development opportunities through seminars, networking events, and a one-on-one mentoring program. These enrichment activities have been designed to help foster and enhance the Cargill Global Scholars’ leadership potential and critical thinking skills, and equip them with the tools necessary for becoming global leaders and decisions makers. 10 US scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students.

**Prize/Award:** Annual scholarship award of $2,500 for up to 3 years plus development opportunities.

**Deadline:** March 1, 2014

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**2014 UT Food Lab Challenge –**

**Mission:** The Food Lab provides awareness of food issues, encourages and motivates students to engage with innovative food systems research, and provides support to startups that leverage university research. TFL is a catalyst for scientific and cultural exploration, experimentation, and innovation in the food system.

**Scope:** The UT Food Lab is holding its inaugural Food Lab Challenge. So, if you have an innovative idea for the food industry, get your team of entrepreneurs together and submit a business plan. There are 4 categories and category winners will get $5,000 for their team: 1) Inputs and Production, 2) Processing, Packaging and Safety, 3) Storage and Distribution, 4) Healthy Eating and Food Education.

**Prize:** Category winners will get $5,000 for their team. Category winners will also compete for the grand prize of $10,000.

**Deadline:** Submission for 2015 will begin June 2015.

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**USAID Research and Innovation Fellowships Program**

**Funded by USAID**

**Mission:** Provide fellowships that will amplify a broad-based knowledge network, catalyze learning, and foster the positive exchange of information and experiences.

**Scope:** USAID is excited to offer U.S. students the opportunity to apply their science and technology expertise overseas to do research in collaboration with key hosting organizations in seven pilot countries throughout the developing world: Brazil, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Senegal, and South Africa. Students can search a virtual catalog through more than 300 opportunities to match their interests and expertise.

**Prize/Award:** Successful applicants will become USAID Research and Innovation Fellows and will be funded by NSF and USAID for up to $24,000 for placements of 2-12 months, commencing as early as March 2014.

**Deadline:** Fellowships are rolling out in partnership with the National Science Foundation (NSF.) They are currently open to individuals in the Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) and the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU.)
**Unilever Sustainable Living Young Entrepreneurs Awards**

Partnership between Unilever, University of Cambridge and Changemakers

**Mission:** Unilever has launched an international search to find the next generation of sustainable living entrepreneurs. The program is run in partnership with the Cambridge Program for Sustainability Leadership (CPSL) and is open to anyone 30 years of age or younger. The Awards are given for innovative, practical, tangible solutions to help make sustainable living commonplace.

**Scope:** Seven finalists will take part in a four-week online development program, followed by a two-day accelerator workshop in Cambridge, UK, to help develop their ideas. The final step is a pitch to a panel of judges in London, drawn from the worlds of business, sustainability and entrepreneurs. The winner and finalists will attend a prestigious dinner in London on 30 January 2014 at which the HRH The Prince of Wales Prize will be presented. The Awards are looking for scalable and sustainable solutions in the form of products, services or applications that enable changes in practices or behaviors in one or more of seven categories:

- Water, sanitation and hygiene
- Nutrition
- Water scarcity
- Greenhouse gases
- Waste
- Sustainable agriculture
- Helping smallholder farmers

**Prize/Award:** The overall winner will receive the HRH The Prince of Wales Young Sustainability Entrepreneur Prize. A total of more than €200,000 in financial support and individually tailored mentoring is on offer to help entrepreneurs develop and scale-up their initiatives.

**Deadline:** Aug 1st 2014 (2014 will wrap up in January 2015)

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**Jeanie Borlaug Laube Women in Triticum Awards**

Administered by Borlaug Global Rust Initiative

**Mission:** Provide professional development opportunities for women working in wheat during the early stages of their careers.

**Scope:**

- The award is made only to women
- There is no age limit, but the award is intended for early career scientists ranging from advanced undergraduates to recent PhD graduates and post-doctoral fellows. Priority is given to women at the pre-professoriate level.
- Strength of scientific abstract submitted to the BGRI annual technical workshop
- Demonstrated commitment to and passion for agricultural development
- Leadership potential
- Quality of written statement of intent
- 1 letter of recommendation from a supervisor, professor, or mentor that speaks to the applicant’s leadership potential
**Prize/Award:** Recipients of the award are invited to the annual BGRI technical workshop. The exact amount of the award will vary with demonstrated need, but is intended to help cover costs associated with attending the BGRI workshop, including economy airfare, hotel, registration fees, and a standard per diem for meals and other incidentals.

**Deadline:** October 1st 2014

**Thought For Food Challenge (TFF)**
Funded and administered by Syngenta

**Mission:** Thought For Food inspires and mobilizes the next generation of leaders to develop bold, out-of-the-box innovations that help solve the greatest challenge facing our collective future: How to feed 9 billion people?

**Scope:** The Thought for Food Challenge calls on students from universities around the world to form a team and produce a robust project proposal consisting of a business plan and creative pitch. The goal is to present an “out-of-the-box” solution to the global challenge of feeding 9 billion people by 2050. Through a sequence of fast-paced missions divided across two rounds, each team is provided with first-rate tools and resources to research and understand global food issues, brainstorm solutions, produce and publish a proposal and compete to win funding to execute their big idea.

**Prize/Award:**
- Grand prize - $10,000
- Runner-up - $5,000
- Top 5 teams received all-expense paid trip to International Summit

**Deadline:** October 31st

**Udall Scholarship Opportunity**
Administered by Morris K. and Stewart L. Udall Foundation

**Mission:** The Udall Foundation’s mission is to provide programs to promote leadership, education, collaboration, and conflict resolution in the areas of environment, public lands, and natural resources in order to strengthen Native nations, assist federal agencies and others to resolve environmental conflicts, and to encourage the continued use and appreciation of our nation’s rich resources.

**Scope:** The Morris K. Udall Scholarship program recognizes students who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to the environment (including policy, engineering, science, education, urban planning and renewal, business, health, justice, economics, and other related fields), and have the potential to be leaders in their respective fields. To be considered, candidates must be nominated by their school.

**Deadline:** The campus deadline for applications will be November 7, 2014.

**The U.S. Borlaug Fellows Program at Purdue University**
Funded by USAID, administered by Purdue University

**Mission:** The Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program promotes food security and economic growth by providing training and collaborative research opportunities to fellows from developing and middle-income countries.

**Scope:** Sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development, the following programs seek to expand the pool of U.S. food security professionals who have a scientific base as well as an international network to support and manage sustainable food systems in the global landscape. Projects may be based in any developing country with a significant food insecurity problem, with favor given to Feed the Future.
Applications should be sent to borlaugfellows@purdue.edu. Applicants will be notified of their status by 22 December 2014. Application instructions and forms can be found online.

**Deadline:** The deadline for application for the fall application cycle is **November 10, 2014 at 11:59 pm EST.**

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**Big Ideas@Berkeley** – Administered by Berkeley University

**Mission:**

**Scope** The Big Ideas@Berkeley annual competition provides funding, support and encouragement to interdisciplinary teams of students who have innovative, high-impact “Big” ideas that they want to put into practice to solve problems that matter to them. Big Ideas supports students at the very early stages of developing their ideas. Often, students who compete in Big Ideas have never entered an innovation contest or written a real-world proposal. The Contest challenges students to step outside of their traditional university-based academic work, take a risk, and use their education, passion, and skills to work on problems important to them. Texas A&M University is eligible for 5 categories in the Big Ideas competition: Conflict and Development, Food Systems Innovations, Global Health, Mobile for Reading, and Open Data for Development. If you are interested in the Big Ideas competition, contact Leslie Ruyle at leslie.ruyle@gmail.com. She will assist A&M teams developing entries in this area.

**Deadline:** Submit a five-page pre-proposal by Thursday, **November 13, 2014 at 12:00 Noon (PST).**

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**World Food Prize George Washington Carver Internships**

Partnership b/w World Food Prize (WFP) Foundation

**Mission:** Provide an unparalleled professional opportunity for students interested in global issues of hunger, poverty and development through working at the WFP Foundation.

**Scope:** Each academic semester and summer, a select group of highly qualified undergraduate and graduate students is chosen for this unique program, which provides interns with the opportunity to take significant responsibility and initiative in planning and carrying out a wide range of the Foundation’s projects, including:

- Youth education program/curriculum development
- Issue-based research, writing and editing
- Graphic design, social media, public relations and communications
- Event/conference planning and logistics
- Museum programming
- Non-profit development and strategic planning

**Deadline:** **November 16th, 2014**

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**World Merit Fellowship Program – Merit Next**

**Mission:** At World Merit, we focus on helping emerging leaders – young people with the drive and willpower to make a difference.

**Scope:** World Merit is a unique online platform which brings together ambitious and talented youth from every corner of the world. The aim of World Merit is to provide a place for development and collaboration of social projects around the globe. An “end hunger” community exists to which students can belong within
World Merit. Merit Next is a year-long leadership development program for 120 young people of merit from around the world selected after completing a series of global challenges designed to showcase their commitment to making a positive impact in their community. In June 2014, the Merit Next Fellows will convene in London and Liverpool for two weeks of inspiration, aspiration assessment, and team building. Before departing for their home countries, participants will be divided into 10 teams and assigned projects to find innovative and sustainable market-driven solutions to a pressing global concern like environmental sustainability, access to health care and education, childhood hunger and youth unemployment, for example. For the next 11 months, the Fellows will engage in quasi-weekly project collaborations, online training and education, and one-on-one mentoring designed to support personal and professional life plans. In June 2015, the group will reconvene in New York and Washington D.C. to present their final reports to a panel of entrepreneurs, executives and venture capitalists; the winning project will be highlighted in the Merit Next global media campaign.

**Prize:** All expenses paid for program & mentoring

**Deadline:** 2014 (Applications just opened)

**Merit- Your Big Year (YBY)**

**Mission:** YBY is a global competition focused around entrepreneurship and global citizenship.

**Scope:** YBY is a global search for talent, which provides a unique forum for connecting ambitious and determined people to share their knowledge and ideas. At World Merit, we are looking to connect and support the world's talent and its next generation of leaders. From the thousands who enter, 12 finalists will be chosen and flown to San Francisco to face a series of tasks over one week. One winner will be selected to become a global ambassador for one year of traveling the world to experience different cultures, meet world leaders and work on social impact projects.

**Prize:** Grand Prize - a unique Ambassadorship to travel the world to work on social impact projects and accelerate entrepreneurial ideas.

**Deadline:** 2014 (Applications just opened)

**PEO International Peace Scholarship**
Administered by P.E.O., Philanthropic Educational Organization

**Mission:** Promoting educational opportunities for women.

**Scope:** The application for the PEO International Peace Scholarship is currently open. To be eligible students must be International, female, and have a year of coursework remaining. Information about the fellowship, including the application, can be found at: [http://www.peointernational.org/ips-eligibility-requirements](http://www.peointernational.org/ips-eligibility-requirements)

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship, please contact the IPS Chairperson, Jean Bergstrom, at jeanbergstrom@live.com

**Prize:** The maximum amount awarded to a student is $10,000. Lesser amounts may be awarded according to individual needs.

**Deadline:** Applications for the scholarship are due by December 15th.
**Alltech Young Scientist Competition**
Administered by Alltech ACE Foundation

**Mission:** Alltech believes in giving back to the communities in which we work. With this in mind, in 2010 we established Alltech’s ACE Involvement Foundation, a charitable foundation to help fund the philanthropic efforts of the company, its employees, and partners around the world.

**Scope:** The [Alltech Young Scientist Competition](#) is a global agri-science competition which brings together the world’s brightest agri-scientific thinkers from colleges and universities to compete for top prizes to reward them for their discoveries and research. Undergraduate and graduate students submit a scientific paper on topics such as veterinary science, animal nutrition, feeding technology and more.

**Prizes:** Global finalists receive an all-expense-paid trip to the Alltech Annual Symposium in Kentucky, USA, where they have the chance to network with over 2000 academic and industry leaders from around the world. In addition, the following prizes are awarded:

- Regional winners – Scholarships
- Global finalists – All-expense-paid trip to the Alltech Annual Symposium in Kentucky, USA, tablet, and scholarship
- Global winners – $5,000USD for undergraduate division; $10,000USD for graduate division

**Deadline:** The deadline is 31 December 2014.

*Happy Thanksgiving to you all.*

*Travel safely and gobble until you wobble!* 😊

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