DEADLINE: November 30, 2015 3pm (no exceptions)
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED PROGRAM APPLICATION TO: Ms. Sandra Catlett (GEA 108)
QUESTIONS? Please contact Mrs. Prideaux (GEA 204) or Ms. Stevens (GEA 202)

Introduction and Purpose of Seminar Course (TXA 365) and Conference

Thank you for your interest in the UT in NYC Program’s Seminar and Conference. The intent for this program is to bring apparel design, conservation and merchandising students together for an integrated look at the industry with an entrepreneurial focus. The program will be held between the last day of finals and the first day of summer school. Enrollment to both the Seminar course and the Conference will be limited to 14 upper division students with preference given to Textiles and Apparel students. Each student must complete a seminar application and the conference registration form to be considered for the program. Please read more about the application below.

The seminar will take place in Austin prior to the conference departure date with additional assignments after returning. With UT's flat rate tuition, the addition of the seminar course to a regular spring load should not increase your tuition fees. If accepted to the program, students will sign up during the add/drop period through the 12th class day in January.

The tentative dates for the conference are from May 18th-26th in New York City. You must be at the conference hotel by 1pm on May 18th. Our conference days will be filled with seminars and meetings with various industry partners. This experience is a very exciting opportunity filled with exposure to some of the industry's legends and rising stars.

Previous Conference session speakers include:

| ● Kate Spade                      | ● MAC Cosmetics                  |
| ● T Magazine                     | ● ROBERTET INCORPORATED          |
| ● Lisa Nunziata, L & Leung Design Group | ● Old World Weavers            |
| ● Alexis Bittar                  | ● Pologeorgis Furs               |
| ● Kenneth Wyse, President of Licensing, Phillips-Van Heusen | ● Bergdorf Goodman  |
|                                      |      ○ Linda Fargo, Senior VP and Women’s Fashion Director |
|                                      |      ○ David Hoey, Visual Creative Director |
| ● Naeem Khan                      | ● Harold Koda, Curator, The Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum of Art |
| ● Rachel Schectman, Story         | ● Lela Rose                      |
The 2016 Conference fee is $2900* and must be paid in full by April 15, 2016 or your registration will be cancelled. After being notified of acceptance to the 2016 UT in NYC Conference, participants will have until to pay a non-refundable deposit. The entire conference fee may be paid on January 15th or according to the following schedule.

- **January 15th, 2016** - non-refundable deposit of $725 to hold your spot in conference
- February 15, 2016 - conference payment of $725 due
- March 15, 2016 - conference payment of $725 due
- April 15, 2016** - Final conference payment of $725 due

**After April 15, 2016, no refunds will be given to any portion of the conference fee.**

The conference fee includes*:
- shared accommodations (2 students per room) at a hotel in mid-town Manhattan
- conference sessions,
- opening and closing conference dinners,
- opening reception with Mrs. Iris Apfel,
- a cultural event and
- NYC Texas Exes event.

Participants are responsible for the cost and arrangements of airfare to/from NYC, local transportation costs in NYC and meals outside of those listed above.

*We are still negotiating the contract with the hotel and finalizing program dates. Conference schedule and fee are subject to change.
# 2016 UT in NYC Program

## Seminar Application and Conference Registration

**Application Deadline:** November 30, 2015, 3:00pm

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**Emergency Contact Name and phone number:**

**Classification as of November 1, 2015:**  
☐ Jr  ☐ Sr

**Major:**  Apparel Design  Conservation  Retail Merchandising  Other

**Expected date of graduation:**

**Total number of semester hours completed by November 30, 2015 (UT, Transfer and Credit):**

**Number of semester hours completed in TXA by November 30, 2015:**

**Number of hours completed at other colleges (list college, hours completed, and GPA):**

**Cumulative GPA at UT Austin:**  GPA in TXA classes:

**Will you be a full-time student during the spring 2016 semester (i.e., a minimum of 12 hours)?**  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

If you will not be a full-time student, please explain why:

**Would you like to be considered for need-based conference travel scholarship?**  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  
(Application to come at a later date)

**Which TXA faculty member is writing your recommendation?**

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I hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I also authorize The University of Texas to release my UT transcripts to the UT in NYC program. I give permission to the UT in NYC program to verify my expected graduation date, major, student classification, and anticipated course loads.

__________________________________________  ______________________________________
Signature of Applicant                          Date

To apply for the seminar, you must turn in the following:

1. The completed and signed recommendation form. Please request that a UT faculty member (other than UT in NYC Director, Mrs. Nancy Prideaux and Ms. Sara Stevens) in TXA complete the form.

   When choosing a faculty member to complete the recommendation form on your behalf, select a faculty member familiar with your performance in academic, significant extracurricular, or employment situations. Provide an addressed envelope to the faculty member completing the recommendation form. Address the envelope that will contain your recommendation form to:

   Nancy Prideaux  
   School of Human Ecology  
   The University of Texas at Austin  
   1 University Station A2700 GEA 204  
   Austin, TX 78712

   We must receive your completed recommendation form by the deadline (November 30, 2015) in order for your application to be considered. It is your responsibility to give the individual filling in the recommendation form as much time as possible.

2. A one-page (8 1/2” x 11”) maximum word-processed letter in business letter format addressed to the UT in NYC Director Nancy Prideaux that describes your professional aspirations. This letter should express who you are as a person and how the UT in NYC program fits in to your life goals. You should include such things as why you have chosen your career path, significant experiences which have guided you to this decision, how your current academic program and your overall educational plans will assist you in achieving your goals, why you want to participate in the UT in NYC program and what your expectations of the program are (what knowledge, experience, etc. you expect to gain from the seminar and conference).

3. A professional resume (one page).

4. **Hard copies** of completed applications should be returned to Sandra Catlett in GEA 108 by November 30, 2015, no later than 3:00 p.m.

   Please print your application on only one side. Do not staple your application together.  
   Unsigned applications will not be considered.
UT in NYC Seminar 2016 Recommendation Form  
TXA 365: New York City Study Tour

Student ____________________________________________________________

(Please print name)

I do / I do not (circle one) waive my right of access to the material below:

__________________________________________
Signature Date

To the recommender: The student identified above is applying to be considered for a space in a course with a limited number of available spaces. Because of limited enrollment and because the purpose of this course is to introduce promising undergraduate students to industry professionals, it is essential that we assess the student’s professional potential. To assist the course instructor, please provide your candid assessment of the student’s academic or professional performance/potential and personal character on each of the following characteristics. For comparison purposes, please reserve the “Superior” rating for students who have demonstrated evidence of being truly exceptional on the specific characteristic (i.e., among the best you have ever known). If you do not believe you have enough information to evaluate the student on a given characteristic, please select “N/A”.

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1. How long have you known this student? _____ Years _____ Months

2. How do you know this student? ____________________________________________________________________________________

3. Has this student distinguished herself/himself from her/his peers in a way that an opportunity like UT in NYC will be beneficial to the student? YES  NO

4. Do you feel that the student will represent The University of Texas at Austin well? YES  NO

   If Yes, please describe briefly: ____________________________________________________________________________________

   ____________________________________________________________________________________

   ____________________________________________________________________________________

4. On a scale of 1 to 7, considering both personal characteristics and academic performance/potential, how strongly do you recommend this student for the UT in NYC program?

   1  2  3  4  5  6  7
   Not At All:  I know of more deserving students
   Somewhat: Solid student, but has not distinguished her/himself
   Very Strongly: One of the most promising students I've ever known

Additional comments (in a separate letter) are welcomed but not required.

Name: ___________________________________ Signature: __________________________________________

Title: _____________________________________ Date: _____________________________

Phone: _________________________________ Email: ___________________________________________

Please return to the student in a signed, sealed envelope or mail to: Sandra Catlett
   School of Human Ecology
   The University of Texas at Austin
   1 University Station A2700 GEA 108
   Austin, TX 78712

   By 3pm on November 30, 2015
   Thank you for your help with this process!

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