

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

2025 MD/PhD required Student Orientation (NSO) Agenda

MD/PhD students transitioning to the lab are welcome to attend any session in the GSBS full program, however the sessions below are required.

Monday, August 18

All events to be held in Onstead Auditorium, BSRB 3rd floor, unless otherwise noted. The finance team will notify students which Finance session they are required to attend (A or B).

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Check-In
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	BREAK
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Academic Overview (OPTIONAL) PhD Breakout – Room TBD MS Breakout – Room TBD
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch

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Tuesday, August 19

All events to be held in Onstead Auditorium, BSRB 3rd floor unless otherwise noted

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Check-In
9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Mentoring up
	BREAK
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Career Development – ALL
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Career Development Breakout MD/PhD – TBD

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Wednesday, August 20

Breakfast & Check – In (BSRB 3rd Floor– Large Classroom)- Remainder of events to be held in McGovern Medical School MSB 3.001 (3rd Floor Auditorium) unless otherwise noted

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| 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | Breakfast & Check-In [BSRB Large Classroom] |
| 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Walk over to McGovern Medical School
[MSB 3.001 (3 rd Floor Auditorium)] |
| 9:15 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. | Presidents' Research Scholars Symposium |

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Thursday, August 21

All events to be held in Onstead Auditorium, BSRB 3rd floor unless otherwise noted

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| 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. | Light Breakfast & Check-In |
| 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Title IX |
| 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Intruder Training |
| BREAK | |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Choosing a Mentor Panel Discussion (PhD Students) (OPTIONAL)
MS Student Panel (MS Students)
PhD Students – AUD
MS Students - TBD |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. | Student Wellness/Building Resilience and Community |
| 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Registration Assistance (OPTIONAL) |

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Friday, August 22

All events to be held in Onstead Auditorium, BSRB 3rd floor unless otherwise noted

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Graduate Student Association (GSA) Grad School & Houston* (**OPTIONAL**)

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Students Organizations Overview* (**OPTIONAL**)

- Graduate Student Association (GSA)
- Student InterCouncil (SIC)
- Association of Minority Biomedical Researchers (AMBR)
- Association of Science Communication (ASC)
- Community Outreach Program (Outreach)
- International Student Association (ISA)
- First-Generation Student Group (First-Gen)
- LGBTQ+ Student Alliance (LGBTQ+SA)

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Break

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Peer Mentors [GSBS Large Classroom, S3.8371 BSRB]* (**OPTIONAL**)

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Orientation Social/Friday Afternoon Club [Onstead Forum]

**[Optional; for students who are interested in learning more about GSBS Student Orgs]*

END OF PROGRAM