

GSBS Standing Committee Reports
Spring 2025

DATA SET: September 2024 to February 2025
Academic Standards Committee
(Dr. Michelle Hildebrandt - September 2024 to Present)

The Committee has met 6 times since the last faculty meeting and approved:

- 65 Advisory Committees
- 12 Requests for Secondary Area of Concentration
- 32 Requests for Committee changes
- 17 Petitions for M.S. degree Candidacy
- 45 Petitions for Ph.D. Candidacy
- 3 Waivers of first-author publication

Academic Affairs Office
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
Activity Report
(September 2024 - January 2025)

1. The Committee had four (4) meetings since the last faculty meeting in August 2024.

2. Discussed and approved new course proposals:

GS01 1022: Statistics Communication, Consulting and Collaborative Data Science
(Course Directors: Drs. Wenyi Wang and Ye Zheng)

GS04 1273: Advanced Fluorescence Microscopy: Emphasis in Live Imaging and State-of-the-Art Technologies (Course Directors: Drs. Adriana Paulucci and Travis Moore)

3. Discussed courses that will undergo major and follow-up review:

Major Course Review (10 courses)

- GS01 1273: Modern Nonparametrics
- GS02 1133: Introduction to Radiation Protection
- GS02 1213: Therapy Medical Physics II
- GS02 1223: Diagnostic Medical Physics II
- GS03 1023: Current Methods in Biochemistry and Cell Biology
- GS04 1093: Biology of Cancer Metastasis
- GS11 1152: Approaches to Genetic Counseling Research II
- GS13 1024: Molecular Basis of Cell Signaling
- GS14 1024: Systems Neuroscience
- GS14 1183: Biology of Neurological Disease

Follow-up Course Review (3 courses)

- GS02 1093: Introduction to Medical Physics I: Basis Interactions
- GS06 1103: Emerging Concept in Immunology
- GS21 1613: Translational Cancer Research

4. Review completed for the following courses:

- a. GS01 1273: Modern Nonparametrics
- b. GS02 1133: Introduction to Radiation Protection

5. On-going review for the following courses:

- a. GS02 1213: Therapy Medical Physics II
- b. GS02 1223: Diagnostic Medical Physics II
- c. GS14 1024: Systems Neuroscience
- d. GS13 1024: Molecular Basis of Cell Signaling

6. Other items presented and discussed:

- Committee Charge and Procedural Guidelines
- Committee assignment/s of courses for review (major and follow-up)
- Procedure for reviewing GSBS Courses
- Update re GSBS Bioinformatics courses
- Canvas as the Standard Course Management platform for GSBS courses
- Implementing the Use of Canvas for all GSBS courses
- Possibility of a student teaching a whole course under GSBS faculty supervision
- Course review process for courses with satisfactory review.

Membership Committee
Activity Report
October 2024 – February 2025
Dr. Haoqiang Ying – Chair

The Committee met three times since the last Faculty Meeting in September 2024.

The Committee approved the following:

- 13 applications for Regular Membership
- 9 applications for Associate Membership
- 20 reappointments
- 10 reappointments with commendation
- 5 reappointments with highest commendation
- 4 reappointments with encouragement
- 2 reappointments not recommended for renewal

Program Directors Committee (Dr. William Margolin, Chair)

The Committee met two times since the last Faculty Meeting and discussed the following topics: (September, November) our next meeting is 2/11/25

- Program Admission Subcommittees
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- Quantitative Sciences Program Major Review
- Program requirements for 2nd ARC students
- Parental Leave Policy
- Upcoming GSBS Events
- Program Sponsored Tutorials
- Training Grants Staff Update
- Program Curriculum Requirement Webpages
- Masters Students – course prerequisites & credit hours

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Activity Report
September 2024 - January 2025

1. Discussed the Fall 2024 awards criteria and evaluated 146 applications for 33 different fellowship/scholarships and selected 69 new awardees including renewal fellows as shown below:

Award Name	Recipients	Advisor	Program	Institution
Charlene Kopchick Fellowship 2025	Maliha Munir	May Daher	CB	MDACC
	Richa Nayak	Yejing Ge	GE	MDACC
Dr. John J. Kopchick Fellowships 2025	Andrew Gillard	Cande Gomez-Manzano	CB	MDACC
	Peyton High	Kendra Carmon	MTB	UTHH
	Dounya Jalloul	Michael Beierlein	NS	UTHH
	Ryan Sloan	Jayhun Lee	MID	UTHH
Dr. John J. Kopchick Fellowships (Renewal)	Stephen (Steve) Farmer	Sheng Zhang	MTB	UTHH
	Mo-Fan (Elena) Huang	Dung-Fang Lee	GE	UTHH
	Chrystine Gallegos	Carmen Dessauer	NS	UTHH
	Skylar Gay	Laurence Court	MP	MDACC
	Pengju Gong	Chunru Lin	CB	MDACC
	Kaylene Lu	Jian Hu	CB	MDACC
	Kevin Liu	Emil Schueler	MP	MDACC
	Bridgitte Palacios	Jian Hu	NS	MDACC
	Mekenzie Peshoff	Louise McCullough	NS	UTHH
Jesse B. Heath, Jr. Family Legacy Award	Sophia Huang	Vihang Narkar	MTB	UTHH

	Beatriz Rios	Sheng Zhanbg	NS	UTHH
EllenTaylor Goldin Legacy Award	José Enriquez	Pratip Bhattacharya	MTB	MDACC
Michael E. Kupferman, MD Fellowship	Julianna Quinn	Jun Wang	GE	MDACC
James E. Tempesta, M.D. Endowed Scholarship	Sabona Simbassa	Jayhun Lee	MID	UTHH
	Zhichao Xu	Peng Wei	QS	MDACC
Gigli Family Endowed Scholarship	Romeesa Khan	Louie McCullough	IMM	UTHH
	Nicole Talaba	Myla Ashfaq	GC	UTHH
Andrew Sowell-Wade Huggins Scholarships in Cancer Research	Hao-Nien Chen	Dihua Yu	IMM	MDACC
	Megan Fisher	Dung-Fang Lee	CB	UTHH
	Aashish Gupta	Kristy Brock	MP	MDACC
	Wendao Liu	Zhongming Zhao	QS	MDACC
	Shraddha Subramanian	Kendra Carmon	CB	UTHH
Cancer Answers/Sylvan Rodriguez Scholarship	Haoyi Wu	Don Gibbons	IMM	MDACC
The Antje Wuelfrath Gee and Harry Gee, Jr. Family Legacy Award	Lanxin Bei	Wenbo Li	GE	UTHH
T.C. Hsu Scholarship	Yibo Dai	Linghua Wang	QS	MDACC
	Mya Rodriguez	Andrea Stavoe	NS	UTHH
Investing in Students Futures Scholarship	Pham Hong Anh Cao	Daniel Frigo	MTB	MDACC
	Guillaume Trusz	Michael Curran	IMM	MDACC
	Rachel Shoemaker	Dung-Fang Lee	MTB	UTHH
	Mohammad Fayyad Zaman	Frederick Lang	CB	MDACC
Ray Meyn Scholarship for Cancer Research	Chae Yun Cho	Kadir Akdemar	CB	MDACC
	Zongsheng Hu	Uwe Titt	MP	MDACC
	Rutvi Shah	Andrea Viale	CB	MDACC
	Lei Yang	Nicholas Navin	QS	MDACC
George M. Stancel, Fellowship in Biomedical Sciences	Juihsuan Chou	Traver Hart	QS	MDACC

	Shucheng Miao	Don Gibbons	GE	MDACC
Steve Lasher and Janiece Longoria Graduate Student Research Award in Cancer Biology	Yiming Cai	Haoqiang Ying	CB	MDACC
Oates Family GSBS Endowment	Sarah Ghalayini	Natividad Fuentes	CB-MD/PhD	MDACC
	Jacob Mattia	Wenbo Li	QS	UTHH
	Wei-Chieh Yu	Yuan-Hung Lo	CB-MD/PhD	MDACC
R.W. Butcher Achievement Award	Sseu-Pei Hwang	Catherine Denicourt	GE	UTHH
Sylvan Rodriguez Foundation Scholarship honoring George M. Stancel, PhD	Annette Wu	Wen Jiang	IMM	MDACC
Sam Taub and Beatrice Burton Endowed Fellowships in Vision Disease	Madison Shyer	Valentin Dragoi	NS	UTHH
Roberta M. and Jean M. Worsham Endowed Fellowship	Spring Hwang	Jian Hu	CB	MDACC
Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Endowment	Shane Cristy	Michael Lorenz	MID	UTHH
	Jian Ming Teo	Hong-Li Anthony Liu	MP	MDACC
	Trey Waldrop	Emil Schueler	TAP - MD/PhD	MDACC
	Chuling Zhuang	Hui-Wen Lo	CB	MDACC
Wei Yu Family Endowed Scholarship	Ahila Parthasarathy	Juan Fueyo	CB	MDACC
The Fadine Jackson Roquemore Scholarship in Cancer Research	Altai Enkhbayar	Robert Jenq	CB	MDACC
Molly S. Bray, PhD Scholarship	Samantha Hitt	Anna Konovalova	MID	UTHH
City Federation of Women's Club Endowed Scholarship in the Biomedical Science	Anna Naglis	Sean Marrelli	MTB	UTHH
Ralph B. Arlinghaus, PhD Scholarship	Anna DeBruine	Vihang Narkar	MTB	UTHH
	Cara Guernsey	Kendra Carmon	MTB	UTHH
	Andrea Molina	Simon Young	IMM	MDACC
Fernando Aron Yarrito Scholarship	Ivana William	Michael Curran	IMM	MDACC

Floyd Haar, MD, Endowed Memorial Research Award in Memory of Freda Haar	John Sanchez	Deepa Sampath	TAP	MDACC
Cancer Answers Scholarship	Munazza Khan	Hui-Wen Lo	CB	MDACC
Henry W. Strobel, PhD Endowed Scholarship	Nicolas Fernando Moreno	Cynthia Ju	MTB-MD/PhD	UTHH
Janet Elaine Pierce Frye Scholarship for Cancer Research	Dexin Yang	Ruoyan Li	QS	MDACC
Michelle C. Barton, PhD Scholarship	Siyuan He	Nicholas Navin	QS	MDACC
Annette Marie Loguidice Scholarship	Hayden Scott	Stephen Kry	MP	MDACC
	Michael Yang	Mallory Glenn	MP	MDACC

Legend: Highlighted in green are MDA Awards

2. Program-based award and award through other review mechanism.

➤ Dee S. and Patricia Osborne Endowed Scholarship in the Neurosciences

RECIPIENTS	ADVISOR	PROGRAM
Takese Mckenzie	Jian Hu	NS
Vicky Chuong	Fabricio Do Monte	NS
Stephen (Steve) Farmer	Sheng Zhang	NS

3. Other accomplishment

- Conducted SSC Fall Award meetings on Dec. 10 and 13, 2024 for MS/Pre candidacy and Post-Candidacy Awards, respectively.

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Student Success and Well-Being (Dr. Kendra Carmon, Chair)

The Committee met twice since the last Faculty Meeting and discussed the following topics:

- The committee is developing a wellness survey that will be distributed to all GSBS students.
- There are plans to introduce the committee at a table in the GSBS commons and provide lunches during Graduate Student Appreciation Week.
- We are also encouraging all GSBS faculty to register for the monthly NIH “Raising a Resilient Scientist” series starting Feb 24th.