

**The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Houston Graduate  
School of Biomedical Sciences**

**Application for Third Tutorial Waiver**

Students may petition to waive their third tutorial if they meet certain conditions.

Waivers of the third tutorial require that the student:

- Has chosen an advisor with sufficient funding to support the student when GSBS funding ends.

**AND**

- Has extensive previous research experience, a thesis-based MS degree and/or publications in the biomedical sciences.

Students who meet at least one of these criteria and wish to waive their third tutorial should complete this form and send it to **gsbs.phd.advising@uth.tmc.edu** and copy their new advisor on their e-mail to request the waiver.

Please note that the waiver of more than one tutorial is very unusual and would require additional justification. It is understandable that students are eager to get started on their dissertation research and may choose to waive the third tutorial, if they're eligible. However, before taking that step, students should consider the benefits of doing a third tutorial:

- Exposure to a new area of science.
- Opportunities to learn new approaches and methodologies.
- Development of relationships with other researchers who may offer opportunities for future networking, become members of the student's Advisory Committee, and/or authors of future recommendation letters.

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously completed a thesis-based MS degree? Yes            No

Do you have extensive previous research experience? Yes            No

If yes, at what institution? \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of reseach (MM/YYYY - MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Research Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your project in 1 - 2 sentences.  
(e.g., I spent 6 months examining the effect of Hsp70 expression on tau degradation.)

Please list any publications or presentations that resulted from this work.

Waiver of the third tutorial requires that you have identified a mentor that is willing to support you after your GSBS funding ends. A form will be e-mailed to you and the faculty member you name below that will formalize your mentor and lab affiliation.

PhD Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PhD Advisor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send this completed form to [gsbs.phd.advising@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:gsbs.phd.advising@uth.tmc.edu).**