



## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

### **MS in Biomedical Sciences**

Students matriculating into the MS Program in Biomedical Sciences are initially self-funded. Once a student formally affiliates with a faculty mentor, the mentor is expected to provide financial support in the form of a Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA), unless the student officially waives this support. The GRA includes:

- An annual stipend of \$28,000–\$36,000
- Payment of GSBS tuition and required fees
- Health insurance coverage

Students who waive the GRA remain self-funded and may pursue outside employment, if their immigration status permits it.

Students who matriculated in the MS Program in Biomedical Sciences prior to Fall 2026 and waived their GRA may be employed in the same laboratory where they are conducting their MS thesis. However, if this occurs, their MS thesis research may not include experiments performed or data generated in the normal course of employment.

Beginning with the Fall 2026 entering class, students who choose to be self-funded may not conduct their thesis research in the same laboratory where they are currently employed (e.g., as a research assistant, technician, or fellow). These students may continue their employment in that lab only if they select a different faculty mentor and conduct their MS research in another lab.

### **Specialized MS in Medical Physics**

GSBS assistantships are not normally awarded to students in the Specialized MS in Medical Physics Program. However, Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA) support may be available through individual faculty members or through the program itself.

- A stipend of \$18,000-36,000 per year
- Payment of the GSBS tuition and required fees
- Health insurance coverage

### **Specialized MS in Genetic Counseling**

GSBS assistantships are not awarded to students in the Specialized MS in Genetic Counseling Program. However, other forms of financial aid may be available. For more information, please refer to the “Other Financial Support Section.”

### **Graduate Research Assistantships (GRA)**

Graduate Research Assistantships awarded to GSBS students are intended to assist in meeting educational and living costs so that students devote full time to their studies. It is the expectation of the GSBS that PhD students holding a GRA will not undertake outside activities, including employment of any kind. An exception to this policy will be made for internships that can be justified as contributing to the student’s training. All internships (paid or unpaid) must be approved by the GSBS Dean’s office.

Funding of the GRA is contingent upon continued enrollment, maintaining good academic standing and satisfactory progress towards degree completion.

### **External Fellowships and Combined Awards**

Students who are awarded an approved, competitive, external Fellowship are eligible, at their advisor’s discretion, to be supplemented up to 130% of the standard GSBS GRA stipend level. To qualify, the fellowship must be made explicitly under the student’s name.

### **Other Financial Support**

All degree students may be eligible for the many endowed scholarships and fellowships that are administered by the Deans’ Office. The scholarships and fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis by the Student Scholarship Committee using criteria specific to each award. Factors taken into consideration include the student’s academic performance, research progress and faculty recommendations. Applications are solicited from students twice a year using a common application. The GSBS also provides travel awards to help students defray the costs of attending scientific meetings. Further information may be obtained from the GSBS website or the GSBS Office of Academic Affairs.

The GSBS maintains a list of active institutional training grants and can assist students in preparing applications for external fellowships and awards.

In addition to the types of financial aid mentioned above, other sources of support are available through UTHealth Houston’s Office of Student Financial Services (see GSBS General Catalog).