



Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

2026 GSBS New Student Orientation (NSO) Agenda

Monday, August 24

All events to be held in Onstead Auditorium, BSRB 3rd floor - S3.8012, 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. - 10:15 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	BREAK
10:30 a.m. – 11:50 p.m.	Academic Overview - ALL • PhD Breakout – Onstead AUD [BSRB S3.8012] • MS Breakout – Gallick Classroom [BSRB S3.8367]
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Choosing a Mentor Panel Discussion (PhD Students) • PhD Students – Onstead AUD [BSRB S3.8012] MS Student Panel (MS Students) • MS - Gallick Classroom [BSRB S3.8367]
2:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Finance Group A*
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Office of International Affairs (OIA) [All international students are required to attend the OIA session]
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	HR I-9 Forms [International Students in Group A] [Computer Lab – S3.8112 BSRB]

END OF PROGRAM



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Tuesday, August 25

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.

**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 [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
10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	BREAK
11:00 a.m. – 11:50 p.m.	Program Session – Neuroscience
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (MSB 5.001)
1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Program Session – Microbiology & Infectious Diseases (MID)
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Program Session – Molecular & Translational Biology (MTB)
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Finance Group B* [McGovern – MSB B603] Career Development PhD/MD [McGovern – MSB B605]

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Wednesday, August 26

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8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Check-In
9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Mentoring up
10:50 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	BREAK
11:00 a.m. – 11:50 p.m.	Program Session – Cancer Biology
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Program Session – Therapeutics & Pharmacology (TAP)
1:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	BREAK
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Benefits
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration Assistance*

*[Optional; for students who have questions/issues registering for courses. Students attending this session should bring their laptop]

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Thursday, August 27

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| 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. | Light Breakfast & Check-In |
| 9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. | Career Development – ALL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PhD - Onstead AUD [BSRB S3.8012]• MS - Gallick Classroom [BSRB S3.8367] |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. | Program Session – Quantitative Sciences (QS) |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. | Student Wellness/Building Resilience and Community <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ UTHealth Houston Student Health and Counseling○ UTHealth Houston Employee Assistance Program○ UT MD Anderson Cancer Center Employee Assistance Program |

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Friday, August 28

All events to be held in Onstead Auditorium, BSRB 3rd floor - S3.8012 unless otherwise noted. FAC will be held in Onstead Forum.

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Light Breakfast & Check-In
11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	Program Session – Genetics & Epigenetics (G&E)
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	Program Session – Immunology
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Title IX
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Graduate Student Association (GSA) Grad School & Houston
3:45 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.	Students Organizations Overview • 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)
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Peer Mentors [GSBS Large Classroom, BSRB S3.8371]
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Orientation Social/Friday Afternoon Club [Onstead Forum]

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