# New Student Orientation Fall 2025



#### **About the Graduate School**

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Houston Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) is a partnership between MD Anderson Cancer Center and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth Houston). This innovative partnership provides students with access to resources, a collaborative environment for scientific discovery, and unlimited opportunities at both world-class institutions.

The Graduate School, established in 1963, has grown from 13 students to over 500 today, continually advancing its mission of excellence and leadership in science education.

#### **Administrative Staff & Offices**

The school's administrative offices, including but not limited to the Office of the Dean; Student Affairs; Academic Affairs, Career Development, etc. can be found on the 3rd floor of the Mitchell Basic Sciences Research Building (6767 Bertner Ave).

Scan for GSBS Staff Directory



#### **GSBS Contact Information**

Phone: 713-500-9850

Talk2GSBS@uth.tmc.edu: Emails sent to this address will be forwarded

to the relevant staff for rapid response and resolution.

Office of Academic Affairs: gsbs academic affairs@uth.tmc.edu
Office of Student Affairs: gsbs.studentaffairs@uth.tmc.edu
Office of Admissions: gsbs.admissions@uth.tmc.edu

Office of Career Development: <a href="mailto:gsbs.careerdevelopment@uth.tmc.edu">gsbs.careerdevelopment@uth.tmc.edu</a>

Finance Office: gsbs finance@uth.tmc.edu

Information Technology: <a href="mailto:qsbs.support@uth.tmc.edu">qsbs.support@uth.tmc.edu</a>

Communications: gsbs.comm@uth.tmc.edu

## **Student Support & Services**

The Graduate School is committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of our students. Student Health & Counseling; Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) and Ombuds Offices are available. For more information visit:

Student Support Services: go.uth.edu/GSBS-student-support

#### **UTHealth Houston Central Student Portal**

This site (<u>uth.edu/student</u>) will serve as a guide to help connect you with the most sought-after resources, including but not limited to the Financial Aid Office, Auxiliary Enterprises, Veteran Services, and Emergency Info and Preparedness.

## **UTHealth Houston Student App**

This app allows you to access your class schedule, grades, financial aid, and payment plans while on the go. It is available on both iOS and Android devices by visiting the App Store or Google Play and entering "UTHealth Houston Student" into the search.

#### **Student Amenities**

The student coffee bar, located at GSBS reception (BSRB S3.8328), is open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The GSBS Commons, located near the coffee bar, is open 24 hours a day, Monday through Friday, for studying, gathering, and/or drinking coffee.

The Student Computer Lab (BSRB S3.8112) is open and available 24 hours a day with badge access.

The Career Development Library provides career and professional development books for students. Located adjacent to the coffee bar in BSRB, students can check out books on various career fields, job searches, leadership, communication, and a variety of professional development topics.

A kitchenette is available for student use on the 4th floor of Clinical Research Building (CRB/Tan Zone). Take elevator J or the NN stairs to the 4th floor and walk across the skybridge.

Other UTHealth Houston amenities available to students, such as the recreation center, dining services, bookstores, etc., can be found at UTHealth Houston Central Student Portal: uth.edu/student

The Houston Academy of Medicine – Texas Medical Center Library (HAM/TMC Library) is located in the Jesse H. Jones Library Building on John Freeman Blvd (near the Medical School Building). <a href="mailto:library.tmc.edu">library.tmc.edu</a>

MD Anderson Research Medical Library is located in Pickens Academic Tower at MD Anderson.

www3.mdanderson.org/library

## **Getting Around and Housing**

Graduate School student ID badges feature a dual logo and give students access to shuttles at both institutions. Shuttles operate Monday-Friday.

UTHealth Houston, MD Anderson and TMC shuttle service is available and can be tracked through mobile applications to help facilitate transporting services.

More information on university housing, parking locations, shuttle services and Metro City bus and light rail routes can be found in the student life page: <a href="mailto:go.uth.edu/student-life">go.uth.edu/student-life</a>.

## **Campus Building Names**

**1MC:** Mid Campus Building One (7007 Bertner)

**BSRB:** Mitchell Basic Sciences Research Building (6767 Bertner)

**CPB:** Dan Duncan Building (1155 Pressler) **FCT:** Pickens Academic Tower (1400 Pressler)

IMM/SRB: Fayez S. Sarofim Research Bldg/Institute of Molecular

Medicine (1825 Pressler)

**MSB/MSE:** McGovern Medical School Building/Extension (6431 Fannin)

**SRB:** Smith Research Building (7777 Knight)

**SCR & 2SCR:** South Campus Research Buildings 1 & 2 (7455 Fannin) **3SCR & 4SCR:** South Campus Research Buildings 3 & 4 (1881 East)

**UCT:** University Center Tower (7000 Fannin)

**Zayed:** Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Building (6550 MD Anderson)

#### **Student Groups**

Student Groups aim to enrich the overall learning experience. At the Graduate School, they provide opportunities for leadership development, collaboration, and engagement beyond the classroom, empowering students to take initiative and make meaningful contributions to our campus and community. To learn more about each of the student organizations available, visit: go.uth.edu/student-associations.

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

## **Career Development**

The Office of Career Development is devoted to students' current and future success. Services include career advising, career planning using the individual development plan (IDP), internship navigation and integration into students' educational experience, and assistance with job readiness tools (i.e. CV/resume, LinkedIn profiles). The office also offers career development workshops and seminars throughout the year.

Contact: gsbs.careerdevelopment@uth.tmc.edu

Visit: go.uth.edu/career-development

## **GSBS Funding Opportunities**

**Awards:** Competitive awards totaling nearly \$1.5 million in support are given out each year through generous philanthropic support from the community.

**Fellowships and Scholarships:** Provided through philanthropic gifts, fellowships provide full stipend support for one to three years. Scholarships are typically cash awards given directly to students.

**Travel Awards:** Each year, the Graduate School provides funding to help students defray the costs of attending scientific meetings and off-site scientific courses. Students participating in career development activities like the IDP are eligible for additional funds.

## **External Funding Opportunities**

External fellowships are awarded by state and national organizations to individual students. Fellowships often provide financial support for tuition, stipends, and research-related expenses. The Career Development Office has developed resources to support students in the attainment of external fellowships, including:

**Fellowship Advising:** External fellowship advising is available to help students with writing personal statements, reviewing application materials, and providing feedback on drafts through the Career Development Office.

**Fellowship Navigation Resources:** Curated external fellowship opportunity lists, sample applications, templates, instructional videos, and writing guides are available for students intending to apply to external fellowships.

**Workshops and Courses:** The Career Development Office hosts workshops and panels covering application materials and advice for submission. The Graduate School also hosts a proposal development course each semester covering preparation of NIH fellowship applications.

Contact: gsbs.fellowship.navigator@uth.tmc.edu
For Graduate School and External Funding, visit:
go.uth.edu/awards-and-funding

## Stay Connected

#### The Essential Newsletter

The Essential is a weekly e-newsletter sent to faculty, students, and staff to share news, events, and other important information. It is important you read through the newsletter to stay informed about the Graduate School community.

#### Social Media Channels



Facebook: MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Houston Graduate

<u>School</u>

Instagram: @mda\_uthgrad

Bluesky: mda-uthgrad.bsky.social

X: @MDA\_UTHGrad

YouTube: @UTGSBS

LinkedIn: UT MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Houston Graduate

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