

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Houston Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) is to maintain an innovative and diverse environment that provides an unprecedented breadth of opportunities for outstanding graduate students to train with leading biomedical scientists at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth Houston).

The combined strengths of these institutions provide students with access to basic and translational scientific programs that are at the cutting edge of the fight to treat all major diseases. The curriculum is designed to provide students with a rigorous exposure to critical thinking strategies, area-specific scientific skills, and career development initiatives. This curriculum, together with an emphasis on research training and scientific productivity, is designed to position our students for an outstanding and successful career in the biomedical sciences.

The educational objectives are achieved through programs leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Master of Science (MS) degrees. These academic activities are carried out in research laboratories and classrooms under the guidance of GSBS faculty members from the schools of UTHealth Houston and MD Anderson. As a comprehensive health science university, UTHealth Houston's mission is to educate health science professionals, discover and translate advances in the biomedical and social sciences, and model the best practices in clinical care and public health. UTHealth Houston pursues this mission in order to advance the quality of human life by enhancing the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease and injury, as well as promoting individual health and community well-being. MD Anderson Cancer Center's mission is to eliminate cancer in Texas, the nation, and the world through outstanding programs that integrate patient care, research and prevention, and through education for our undergraduate and graduate students, trainees, professionals, employees, and the public. The Community Outreach program and other GSBS faculty and student public service activities are aimed at educating the public about the biomedical sciences, as well as promoting an interest in careers in science, particularly among elementary and secondary school students.

Vision Statement

To create a collaborative and innovative academic environment that inspires and lays the foundation for new generations of biomedical scientists to realize their potential, commit to success and make discoveries that have major impact on treatment of diseases worldwide.