

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SERVICES

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The UTHealth Houston School of Public Health Office of Academic Affairs and Student Services serves to assist students from admittance to graduation.

## Career and Alumni Services

Career and alumni services is housed within the Office of Public Health Practice and Engagement and provides information, service, training and support to students and alumni that can help them explore their values, interests, and skills; build their professional network; and stay engaged with the UTHealth Houston School of Public Health.

## Financial Assistance

UTHealth Houston School of Public Health offers a number of endowed scholarships. Graduate scholarships are awarded on the basis of scholastic excellence and adequate preparation for graduate study in the student's chosen field, as shown by the student's academic record. Scholarship eligibility criteria include admission into a degree program; enrollment in coursework leading to the degree; reasonable progress in the degree program; good academic standing; GPA; and in some cases test scores; references; and personal statements. There are additional specific qualifications for scholarships in various areas of study. Students are encouraged to contact the UTHealth Houston School of Public Health Office of Academic Affairs and Student Services to obtain information about eligibility criteria and scholarships awarded in the student's area of study. Scholarships may be available based on funding; availability may change, amount may change, and only competitive scholarships of \$1,000 or more will be eligible for resident tuition. For more information about financial assistance opportunities, see the UTHealth Houston Office of Student Financial Services (<https://www.uth.edu/sfs/>) website and the UTHealth Houston School of Public Health Financial Assistance (<https://sph.uth.edu/enroll/finance/>) website.

## Selection Process

Awards of traineeships and scholarships are made by the UTHealth Houston School of Public Health Scholarship and Traineeship Committee, which is composed of faculty members and administrative staff. In awarding scholarships, the committee considers the following as appropriate to achieve the donor's scholarship intent: faculty recommendations, academic performance, financial need, research interests, and other professional and personal achievements

## Fellowships

A limited number of fellowships are available through the research centers of UTHealth Houston School of Public Health. Applications for these fellowships is made directly to the centers. Selection criteria include those listed above, and the recipients are chosen by the faculty in the centers.

## Library & Graduate Communication Center

The mission of the UTHealth Houston School of Public Health Library & Graduate Communication Center is to provide primary information support services for the education, research, and community health services programs of the faculty, students, and staff. Writing Support Services offers public health communication skills training, with a focus

on writing. Instruction is provided in the areas of English as a Second Language (ESL), Academic and Scientific Writing.

The UTHealth Houston School of Public Health Library & Graduate Communication Center is a member of the Texas Health Science Libraries Consortium (THSLC), which is the collaboration of health science libraries in the Houston-Galveston area. The THSLC leads and encourages collaboration through shared digital library environments and resources to provide access to the world of information for its educational, clinical, and research communities. For more information, see the Library & Graduate Communication Center (<https://sph.uth.edu/research/library/>) website.

## Student Organizations

The Student Association at UTHealth Houston School of Public Health is based at the Houston campus and acts as the official student governance organization to represent students with school administration. All students are included in this organization.

## Student Communication

Email accounts constitute the official mode of communication linking students, faculty, and/or administration. Consequently, students are responsible for maintaining the UTHealth Houston e-mail account assigned to them and activated upon payment of tuition and fees, and are responsible for regularly checking e-mail messages.