

Dear Graduate Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance to UTHSCSA, and welcome on the behalf of the Graduate Student Association (GSA). This letter serves to give you a brief overview of GSA, and includes a “graduate student survival guide” to assist you during your transition into graduate student life.

The Graduate Student Association is an organization created to serve the graduate student population at UTHSCSA. GSA performs its function by focusing on three areas- advocacy, academics, and student activities. GSA serves as a platform for graduate students’ concerns and ideas, and gives the students a voice within the Health Science Center. Our organization promotes the enrichment of the graduate students’ academic experience by hosting speakers, workshops, discussion groups, and the annual Mikiten GSA Research Forum. GSA also organizes recreational activities for students, such as our annual GSA picnic.

GSA holds monthly meetings with lunch provided. The meetings typically fall on the first Friday of every month during the Fall and Spring semesters. Of course, all new students are invited and encouraged to attend our meetings! If you have any questions or concerns about GSA, or graduate school at UTHSCSA in general, please contact a GSA officer. Along with this letter, we have included some information and advice to assist you during the first year of your life as a graduate student at the Health Science Center and resident of San Antonio, TX.

Sincerely,

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