Housing arrangements of UT Southwestern Students:

Other category includes:
- Alta Maple Station
- Center Oaks Apartments
- Fairfax Apartments
- Maple District Lofts
- Post Worthington
- The Link on Maple
- The Renaissance on Turtle Creek
- The Terrace
- The Village Apartments
- Town Square Apartments
- Trianon by Windsor
- Live with a family member
Monthly rent (total for apartment):

Number of bedrooms:
Area of Dallas in which you live:

- Irving/Los Colinas
- Irving/Valley Ranch
- Oak Lawn
- Cedar Springs
- The Village/Greenville
- Uptown
- Downtown
- Deep Ellum
- Park Cities
- North Dallas/Galleria
- Oak Cliff
- Inwood/Maple

Travel time to UTSW:

- <5 minutes
- 5-10 minutes
- 11-20 minutes
- 21-30 minutes
- 31-40 minutes
- 41-50 minutes
- > 50 minutes
Housing Details

**Southwestern Medical Park Apartments**

6401 Maple Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75235-5505  
(214) 956-9300  
[http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/education/student-services/housing/index.html](http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/education/student-services/housing/index.html)

Distance: 5-10 minutes  
Rent: <$700 to $1200  
Bedrooms: 1-2  
Security Features: security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, patrol

**Satisfaction with housing:**

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**Additional comments:**

1.) I would advise against having a nice car in this parking lot given that it is all uncovered; hail stinks... 2.) The shuttle is super convenient 3.) 5 minute bike ride from the south campus library 4.) The maintenance staff is great about resolving issues with your apartment 5.) The gym kinda stinks 6.) Huge amount of space for two people 7.) Comes with great views of a nice urban landscape with an equally enjoyable accompanying soundtrack; but seriously, if planes taking off or trains will wake you up at night I'd consider living further east

Anywhere near the area will most likely have airplane noise, other than that I prefer living close by.

Make sure you're settled here in Dallas a few weeks before school starts - running around trying to buy furniture and get errands taken care of is difficult once school and orientation begin. Find a roommate to live with using the class page! The ability to share cooking duty, build a friendship, and have a regular study buddy is awesome! The decreased rent that comes with sharing is also a great perk to having a roommate!

Get on the waitlist fast! Also, make sure to pick the upper floor because there are many insects and noise from above if you stay on the bottom floor. Ask for the building close to the trash compactor as there is only one place to dispose trash at the apartment.

If you are considering UTSW seriously, you should get on the MedPark waitlist as soon as possible. If you end up choosing to come here, you will be glad to have an affordable option so close to school. You might lose your application fee, but you'll be losing more money in the long run if you

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1 The views and opinions expressed in this document are those of individual students and do not reflect those of UT Southwestern Medical Center.
If you are interested in the Med Park Apartments, please go ahead and file your application as soon as possible, as spots fill up very quickly.

If you want MedPark, you need to apply very early, like now.

If you want to get into the MedPark apartments, get on the list early. Even if they tell you it's a long list, get your name on it. It's worth the wait in terms of affordability.

If you want to live in MedPark Apartments--apply as early as possible, and wait if you can.

If you would like to live in medpark, contact them to get on the waitlist as soon as possible! I think living close to school has huge advantages especially during third year when you are coming back and leaving from home at odd times.

If you're interested in living here apply ASAP! I really enjoy the proximity to school, the price, and the overall quality of the place. If you can live without the hardwood floors and the shiny appliances, then you should have no issues here.

Invest in a portable heater, it'll save you heating costs in the winter!

It does take two to three days to completely move and settle in, so I would move in earlier rather than later so that you will not have extra stress when orientation/school starts. I would also look into housing earlier rather than later, especially if you would like to have a roommate because it is important to choose a roommate that you can get along well with.

Living close to school is worth it. A 15 minute drive can be an hour drive with Dallas rush hour traffic if you have to come to school at 8 or 9.

Make sure you pick something nearby -- even if it costs more! Being close to campus is priceless.

Med Park usually has a long waiting list so apply early!

Medical Park Apartments is really close and convenient, but it is not the nicest of places. That said, the space you get is a pretty good size and it is efficiently used.

MedPark fills up really quickly. Get on the waitlist ASAP!

Sign up for medpark early. Spots go easily. Also medpark is the least expensive option near UTSW so keep that in mind.

Try to find an apartment as soon as possible, but if you do not (or cannot for any reason), you will find one as there are plenty of great options around.

u can bike to school using the skywalk from north campus

If you want to live in Med Park, it is best if you decide and sign up by MS0 weekend. Ideally, the earliest you start looking for housing, the easier/cheaper options you are able to find.

### 21 Forty Medical District

2140 Medical District Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75235  
(866) 896-9643  
[http://www.21fortymedicaldistrict.com/Home.aspx](http://www.21fortymedicaldistrict.com/Home.aspx)

- Distance: <5 minutes
- Rent: $900 to >$1200
- Bedrooms: studio, 1-2
- Security features: security gates, intrusion alarm, patrol, covered/gated garage

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**My housing choice has easy access to public transportation.**  
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**Additional comments:**

Make sure that you give yourself enough time to both move in/decorate your apartment and to prepare yourself mentally before you start the semester.

I would try to live near medical students. It always helps to be surrounded by people who can encourage you to keep studying when you’re not motivated. At the same time other people can keep you balanced.

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**5225 Maple Avenue**

5225 Maple Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75235-8195  
(214) 634-5225  

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Rent: $700 to >$1200  
Bedrooms: 1-2  
Security features: security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, covered/gated garage

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**Additional comments:**

Try not to skimp on housing, even if you are relying entirely on loans. I am very happy that I chose to invest in a great place to live; it has made my life a lot better and easier, especially with the contributing fact of being in a stressful situation in medical school. One less thing to worry about.

The housing closest to campus is convenient if you are forgetful / don't like traffic / are sharing a car or don't have a car / want to be able to walk home and crash after a night on call. That being said I came from the east coast and wish it was more walkable; I have considered moving to uptown each year but never found an affordable option. As far as safety, I've never felt unsafe on the campus.
property including Parkland, but I would not recommend running/walking Harry Hines or Maple late at night.

Make sure you get here with plenty of time to move in and set up your apartment/explore Dallas. Orientation week is very busy and you won't have much time. My apt, 5225 Maple Avenue, has rent-controlled apartments that are very nice and VERY CHEAP for Dallas. I managed to snag one and I have a spacious one bedroom for a very affordable rate.

I really wish that I had been familiar with the area before looking at housing. I signed my lease without having been to Dallas besides my interview. That said, I am very happy with my choice, but I wish it had been a more informed one. Also, my apartment offers REALLY subsidized student rent and I didn't know about it until after I signed my lease.

For 5225 Maple, ask for the reduced income rent rate if you are looking for a single.

**Amli on Maple**
6008 Maple Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75235  
(877) 384-5382  

- Distance: <5 minutes
- Rent: $1000 to >$1200
- Bedrooms: studio, 1-2
- Security features: security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, patrol, covered/gated garage

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**Atera**
4606 Cedar Springs Road  
Dallas, Texas 75219  
(877) 636-7609  

- Distance: 5-10 minutes
- Rent: $1000 to >$1200
- Bedrooms: 1-3
- Security features: security gates, covered/gated garage
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Berkshire Medical District
4730 Fairmount Street
Dallas, Texas 75219
(214) 646-1559
http://www.berkshiremedicaldistrict.com/

Distance: 5-10 minutes
Rent: $800 to >$1200
Bedrooms: 1-2
Security features: security gates, patrol, covered/gated garage

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Additional comments:
- Bike got stolen from inside the complex on the first week. Keep your bike inside!
- I would start looking for housing early in order to find the best deals. You may not sign a lease until the summer, but it is good to keep your options open.
- I found my apartment in June and moved in at the end of July. Other than Med-Park, going extremely early isn't helpful because they don't have a great idea on availability.
Century Medical District
6162 Maple Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75235
(972) 499-4080

Distance: 5-10 minutes
Rent: $1000 to >$1200
Bedrooms: 1-2
Security features: security gates, covered/gated garage

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Colonial Reserve at Medical District
2222 Medical District Drive
Dallas, Texas 75235
(214) 634-2224
http://www.colonialprop.com/dallas/colonial-reserve-at-medical-district/

Distance: 5-10 minutes
Rent: $1000 to >$1200
Bedrooms: 1-3
Security features: security gates, security guard, patrol, covered/gated garage

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### Inwood on the Park

5720 Forest Park Road  
Dallas, TX 75235  
(972) 810-7361  

- Distance: 5-10 minutes  
- Rent: $700 to >$1200  
- Bedrooms: studio, 1-3

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### Additional comments:

- This is a nice choice if you don't want to drive to school. Inwood on the Park is a minute away from North Campus and you can take the shuttle from there.
- The fancy, new apartment complexes can be really appealing but I'm glad I chose a cheaper and older apartment. In the end I got more square footage (which makes a huge difference!) and even a study room.
- Start looking for housing as soon as you decide on a school.

### Northend

2323 North Field Street  
Dallas, TX 75201  
(214) 431-3247  

- Distance: 5-20 minutes  
- Rent: $950 to >$1200  
- Bedrooms: 1-3
Security features: security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, patrol, covered/gated garage

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Consider living a few minutes away for campus so there is a degree of separation from your home and work life.

Ask about rent-controlled rates (for low income tenants) or the "In Town" program. These rates are typically 30-40% lower than others and require you to have below a certain income threshold. As a medical student, you have zero income, and thus almost certainly qualify.

Park 5940 MD
5940 Forest Park Road
Dallas, TX 75235
(214) 366-0031

Distance: <5 minutes
Rent: $950 to $1200
Bedrooms: studio, 1-3
Security features: security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, patrol, covered/gated garage

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**Additional comments:**  

Living close to school is awesome. Time will be your most valuable possession, so don't spend it driving.  

People may say that living near UTSW is dangerous because of the neighborhood, but I definitely have not found that to be the case. I don't go walking around at night but that is what cars and Uber are for anyway. I really love being able to live close to campus and not having to waste time commuting every day. That'll be even more important once clinical rotation start. On a final note, rent rates change daily, so shop around and make sure you get the best deal.  

The luxury apartments around the medical center are very similar to one another. Choose the one that is closest to school or that fits your preferences best. Take tours of them as well!  

Make sure to ask about any specials and deals that the apartment complexes are offering! I got a $1000 gift card which was a big factor in me deciding to live here. Also, be sure to ask about pet fees if you have a pet/want to get one. The fee at my apartment is pretty high, so it deterred me from getting a pet.  

I moved from uptown to essentially living across the street from school my first year because the daily 20 min commute was very inconvenient. I ended up studying for classes and step 1 on the north campus a lot as well as my apartment's private conference rooms in the lobby.  

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**The Southwestern**  

5959 Maple Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75235  
(877) 637-5504  
http://www.thesouthwestern.com/  

Distance: 5-10 minutes  
Rent: $900 to $1200  
Bedrooms: studio, 1-2  
Security features: security gates, covered/gated garage  

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**Additional comments:**  

If you are looking at places other than Med Park, do not feel pressured to start looking for apartments right away after being accepted to UTSW. Most apartment complexes work under a one month time frame for vacancies. I did my search in the summer and found a great deal at The Southwestern.  

Pay attention to how far the specific unit you're getting is from the parking. My first year I was
super far away from the garage. Pay attention to reserved parking vs free-for-all and proportion of covered vs uncovered parking spots. Newer apartments have better insulation which translates to electricity savings over time. A $25 valet trash fee is fairly standard at most places.

I would really recommend getting a place next to school, at least for the first year. I was tempted to look for places in uptown, but I can say for sure that living near campus is great for getting to class early and being near a lot of other med students.

Sign up for Med Park early! I love my apartment complex and its new with great amenities but the rent at Med Park is hard to beat. And I definitely like living near to campus.

**Other Housing Options**

**House/Condo-Rental**

Distance: 5-40 minutes  
Rent: <$700 to >$1200  
Bedrooms: 1-3  
Security features (condo): security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, patrol, covered/gated garage  

Comments:

If you are someone who enjoys being outdoors or running, it is difficult to maintain a good quality of life and live close to campus. If you can afford it, Uptown is one of the few places in Dallas that offers the ability to walk to many good restaurants and bars and is perfect for runners as it is close to the Katy Trail, one of the best pedestrian avenues in the city. My apartment is one of the more affordable options in Uptown that does not compromise on location.

I would suggest they live close to campus because it makes it much easier to go home to get things you forgot, take a nap, cook dinner, etc.

You can search apartments both online and taking tours for months without making a dent in your options in Dallas. Make a plan about what you would like to have, and prioritize those requirements.

Take a look at the websites and see what's out there. I, personally, wanted to live further out from campus, and Las Colinas is a pretty nice area to live in. I have to commute, though. I did choose somewhere on the light rail line, so it's not as bad as it sounds!

If you don't want to live in a large apartment complex, there are tons of condos and townhouses near school and in the Oak Lawn area. When looking for these types of housing, don't look until 30 days from when you want to move in. Realtors often do not want to show you around until this time frame and most places won't let you lease unless you plan on moving within 30 days. There is always tons of new housing available so this isn't an issue. Search websites and Craig's List for new listings.

I enjoy living in a nice area of town where I can easily get out and run with my dog on Katy Trail (and yes it's very doable to have a dog in med school) or walk to coffee shops. A lot of students live super close to campus but I appreciate the 10 minutes of separation I have from school.

I wish I had known the general class schedule (class starts at 9am most days and can go until 5pm or later on lab days or for TBLs). I wish I'd known I'd have to drive in rush hour so often.

Park Cities is a great area if you have school age children. It is a top tier school district; however, if you don't have kids stay close to campus and save your money!

White Rock Lake is a perfect place for families because we have good schools, shops, parks, a friendly neighborhood and a beautiful lake. It is all the benefits of a "suburb" yet there is no need to get on any highways in order to get to UTSW and the commute is very easy. There is also easy access to the DART.
Rent an apt or house nearby, which includes medical district (obvious), uptown (more restaurants/bars), or turtle creek (quieter and pricier). These will all take 5-7 minutes of commute time, and honestly there's no difference time wise between a 3 minute and 7 minute drive and it's much more fun/relaxing/convenient to not live directly next to the hospital.

Remember that you can video stream most lectures, so living a bit farther from campus is a very feasible option. You can also get wayyyy more bang for your buck if you move a little farther out.

Living farther away from school sets you up to have a bigger experience of Dallas

I love my duplex! The location is great! I'm so close to uptown, downtown, lower Greenville, and deep ellum. The rent is a real steal. I don't mind the drive because I enjoy living outside of the medic district. I feel more connected to my community over here.

**House/Condo-Own**

- Distance: 5-50 minutes
- Rent: <$700 to >$1200
- Bedrooms: studio, 1-4
- Security features (condo): security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, patrol, covered/gated garage

**Comments:**

I highly recommend buying a condo if you can afford the down payment. I pay less for my mortgage and taxes than for most people pay for rent. Buy a 2 bedroom and rent out one room.

If you want to buy a single family house, I recommend looking in Irving.

Enjoy your summer! Spend lots of time with friends and family and doing things you enjoy—and try to carry that into medical school with you. It definitely depends on your relationship with your parents, but if they live nearby and are willing to let you stay with them, definitely consider it. Many of your friends will live in apartments near school and you can always hang out at their places if you need a break from family. Also, you'll make most of your friends at school, rather than where you live (unlike some undergrad) so don't worry about that when deciding to live with family.

I have chosen to live with family 33 miles away from school. I would not recommend this option due to significant travel time.

I haven't lived in the apartments near campus, but I think that generally students don't look broadly enough. There are many nice and interesting places to live in Dallas if you are willing to travel 20+. Oak cliff is a great neighborhood. Lower Greenville is a great neighborhood. ....

I would recommend Valley Ranch to anyone looking to live a little further away from school in a more family oriented type neighborhood. Reasonably affordable to rent or buy and good transportation options (DART rail or 15-20 min drive by car) as well.

Keep in touch with other students you meet at MS0 weekend. Then you can find a roommate or live in the same complex as some other students to make socializing easier.

Live close to school, as close as possible. Every second counts. The extra expense of living close is worth it. You'll make all that back when you're working so don't sweat it.

**General Housing Advice**

Apartment prices in Dallas fluctuate almost on a daily basis. When I found my current apartment, I signed the lease a day after I first looked at it. The rent was about $30/month more than the day before. Living close to campus is generally more expensive, but worth it. Traffic in Dallas can be pretty heavy. I’m glad that I moved closer to campus after my first year.

The best deal is either a studio or a 2 bedroom. As far as safety, it's nice to have a parking garage.
with a gate but no one's saying that the gate won't be broken half the time. Honestly I would just try to pick an apartment not on the first floor and try to make sure it has good guest parking. First 1.5 years you won't care about going to parkland so don't base your decision off of that.

It's ok to live a little farther from school! I thought I had to live right next to school as an MS1 but I prefer living farther away in an area that has a little more going on.

The area immediately around school can be hectic and very expensive. Those with families would be wise to look at a larger radius around school. UTSW provides heavily discounted train/bus passes and is serviced by 2 train systems. While I live several miles from campus, the 20 minute commute on the train has never been a nuisance due to the ability to watch lectures on my phone/study while commuting. The area I live has great areas to walk and run and is very safe. Several medical students live in the area. I highly recommend it.

There are tons of smaller privately managed apartments for cheap rent if you are willing to go without certain amenities or don't require your new place to be brand new. Start now, but don't freak out if you don't get to it before summer, many popular places will fill up but you can totally find a good deal any time of year.

For those turned off by big apartment complexes, there are nice duplexes/quadruplexes, garage apartments, and apartments in north Oak Lawn (north of Lemmon), close to the border with Highland Park. The owners rarely post to sites like Zillow so the best thing to do is to drive around looking for "For Lease" signs. Some of the places are pricey (probably more appropriate for sharing with roommates) but some places are surprisingly affordable.

I wish I had got an apartment closer to campus.

Just remember to tell the leasing offices you are a student. You'll get great waivers and discounts on rent at some places. I got one month rent free.

Living close to campus is what most MS1s do, but it is not essential. Living in a more fun area of Dallas is nice and it's easier to feel like school and home are separated.

Don't live in the medical district! Prices are better and it is MUCH safer in surrounding areas.

Living right next to campus is not a necessity, especially for the first 18 months. There are many more days where you are not required to attend in person than those where you are.

Living in Uptown is great if you want to experience Dallas nightlife and culture outside of Medical School.

When you are looking for apartments, remember to pick a place where you feel safe and also at home. Your housing should be a place of wellness and comfort, and not just a crash pad. You will be absolutely fine if your commute is more than 10 minutes from school. Think about safety, think about neighborhood walkability, think about nearby restaurants, grocery stores, and your general access to food, fun, pharmacies, coffee, culture, etc. There are tons of duplexes/quadruplexes and such for rent in the area north of Lemmon between Lomo Alto and Douglas - unique apartments, safe neighborhood, and often cheaper than anything in Uptown. I would highly recommend driving through and looking for Rent signs.

Use the help and advice of friends/family/current medical students that live in the area to find a good place to live. It's especially helpful if you aren't able to look at many housing options in person.

If you don't like the sound of airplanes at 7 am, don't live in oak lawn.

It is generally best for social reasons to stay near school as that is where most other students live.

Prepare yourself with an environment that minimizes stress and is conducive to learning and studying even if it may cost a little more. Weigh the benefits with the disadvantages thoughtfully.

Be honest about what is important to you and for you to succeed in medical school.

Get everything in order with your apartment/home before school starts. Otherwise, you'll still be living with boxes after Christmas break.

If you have a family, consider living in Valley Ranch or Coppell. Totally worth it, we love being away from the city and in a family-friendly environment.
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### Advice for First Year

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<td>Spend the summer relaxing! You are about to start a stressful, busy part of your life so you should spend these months doing something that you truly enjoy. Make sure that you give yourself enough time to both move in/decorate your apartment and to prepare yourself mentally before you start the semester.</td>
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<td>Medical school is hard work, but it's all about good habits. People who are ultimately the most successful are those who focus on pacing themselves and studying smarter, not harder. If you don't procrastinate or get lost studying details that aren't necessary, you can totally do well. I was so stressed and expecting it to be so hard that I sabotaged myself studying non-sustainable ways, freaking out about the details, and getting overwhelmed to the point that I couldn't do anything. I think if I had made more of an effort to study with other people and study consistently rather than frantically, I would have been a lot happier and done better. Everyone told me these same things, but I didn't believe them. Don't be afraid to ask for help from the tutoring service or student wellness. During the academic years, nobody expects you to already know anything, and they just want you to learn and improve. Take advantage of that before you get to the clinical years, when people will expect you to know certain things. Good luck and believe in yourself, if for no other reason than it will make your life so much more pleasant!</td>
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Take it easy and enjoy your free summer!

Relax as much as possible before school starts. You want to be as refreshed and well rested as possible.

Be active! If you're in Dallas, explore the city, meet fellow classmates, and get your living space finished to your liking. Once school starts, some of those things you thought you would have time to do somehow end up getting pushed off. Spend time, a lot of time, with those you love doing those staycations, mini-trips, and/or big trips you wanted to take -- build those quality moments! Those will hold you through the grind.

The first week of medical school someone said "You will never have more free time than you do right now" which at the time seemed absurd, but turned out to be very true

Shadow as many specialties as you can early on during medical school, even ones that you feel that you are not interested in.

Enjoy the summer. Don't study over summer or stress about having to learn so much information - if you were able to get in, you'll be able to keep up. You'll have plenty of opportunities to study once you start 1st year, but a few months of down time is something you may not get in the foreseeable future - make the most of it.

Enjoy summer, but med school isn't so bad either! I enjoy living in a nice area of town where I can easily get out and run with my dog on Katy Trail (and yes it's very doable to have a dog in med school) or walk to coffee shops. A lot of students live super close to campus but I appreciate the 10 minutes of separation I have from school.

Relax this summer. Use this time as a real break!

Don't study over the summer. Enjoy yourself, travel, try & experience new things. Read for fun -- you won't have much time for this during med school. If you *really* want to be "productive", especially if you've never done research, join a research lab and gain some experience before you start med school (especially if you're going to be in the Dallas area anyway). This will help you network and become familiar with UTSW. Shadow all kinds of different specialties while you have the time. That way, you can take the summer between first and second year off, or try something different like being part of the med staff for Camp Sweeney or a working in a preceptorship.

Pre-studying is a waste of time; if you want to prepare make sure you are relaxed, refreshed and read a book about learning/studying techniques as you will likely have to change and adapt in med school.

Start off working harder than you ever think you need to work.

Enjoy your summer! Spend lots of time with friends and family and doing things you enjoy and try to carry that into medical school with you. It definitely depends on your relationship with your parents, but if they live nearby and are willing to let you stay with them, definitely consider it. Many of your friends will live in apartments near school and you can always hang out at their places if you need a break from family. Also, you'll make most of your friends at school, rather than where you live (unlike some undergrad) so don't worry about that when deciding to live with family.

Have fun over the summer

Med school starts off really fast; there isn't a lot of time to get used to the pace. Try to prepare all your supplies early and develop study habits quickly! Also, reach out to friends/upperclassmen! They often have resources that will help out a lot! (Share online flashcards, get helpful-supplemental books like First Aid)

enjoy all your free time!

Have a blast this summer! The best preparation for a good first semester of medical school is to give your brain a rest and enjoy the time off.

Be sure to relax and spend time with friends and family. There is nothing that you can do to prepare yourself for medical school during the MS0 summer. Consider living a few minutes away for campus so there is a degree of separation from your home and work life. Enjoy the journey of
medical school; it is a privilege to have this experience!

Have fun this summer!

Med school is a lot of work, so make sure that you plan for breaks so you don't burn out.

Travel the summer before!!

Appreciate that your life is about to get onto an 8-15 year roller coaster and that the summer before medical school is one of the last times in the near future you have total freedom about what to do with your time. That being said, do something you've always wanted to do, whether that is chill with no responsibilities, travel, see college friends, earn some money, etc. Treat your summer as precious and let go of any feeling that you need to spend it preparing for school.

The MCAT and prereq courses have given you the foundation you need for first year, so don't worry about studying! Relax, have fun, and establish good sleeping habits. It'll be fast-paced and intense once school starts.

Relax before is all starts!

Get a roommate!! It helps so Much with venting /studying/doing stuff other than medical school. It's great having someone there that understands exactly what you're going through and has a similar schedule.

Have fun during the summer! It's not necessary to study.

Don't prepare. Just vacation/relax.

Have a relaxing summer! Spend the time with family and friends. If you can, spend a few days exploring the area around UTSW to see which area you would enjoy living in- do you think you will want to bike/walk to school, would you rather live in an area with easy access to hiking trails and nature, do you just want to live as close as possible so you can roll over and head to class in the morning? It is up to you! I love the Springs because I can look out of my window and see things that make me happy- plenty of trees, a pond with these fat ducks that will follow you around for food, friendly smiling staff, and neighbors walking their dogs around. The best part is that I have my own washer/dryer in my apartment! Yes, it is an older complex and has the eccentricities which go along with that, but that is part of what gives it character.

Enjoy yourself and relax!

Please do yourself a favor and travel or relax as much as possible before medical school!

Absolutely DO NOT try to "study" or prepare at all, but be ready to work hard once school starts.

Enjoy this summer! Spend time with family and friends that you may not have as much time for once medical school starts. Make sure you're settled here in Dallas a few weeks before school starts - running around trying to buy furniture and get errands taken care of is difficult once school and orientation begin. Find a roommate to live with using the class page! The ability to share cooking duty, build a friendship, and have a regular study buddy is awesome! The decreased rent that comes with sharing is also a great perk to having a roommate!

Seriously: have fun. It is a cliché, you will hear it from everyone, but when you are writing your answer to this question next year, you will say the same thing with the same conviction. For the neurotic ones: you should have fun too. But if you just can't wait to get started, I would advise getting a head start on anatomy. Probably the best thing you could do.

I would definitely say to enjoy your last summer before medical school. I'm sure you've heard this 100 times before, but you won't understand how true it is until you're in your first class in medical school wishing you could go back and just relax for a few months. I traveled to Italy for a few weeks, caught up with all of my old friends, and basically just hung around for two months.

Consider doing research the summer before starting medical school if you are considering a competitive specialty e.g. ortho, derm, plastics, etc. It will pay off big time when you apply for residencies.

Turning a patient to left lateral decubitus is not for the purpose of listening to the lungs.

Enjoy your summer before it begins!

Do not study. Just enjoy your life
**Enjoy your summer! Don't study there will be plenty of time for that later!**

**Learn to use Google Calendar, Anki flashcards, and OneNote as quickly as possible**

Buy the syllabi when they are available. There are three methods of learning offered: lecture (live, audio streamed, video streamed), PowerPoints, and syllabi. Look for study guides from the upperclassmen. Some are available on the "O-drive" on the school server. Look through the O-drive. Anatomy lab is hands on, and I learned best by studying the veteran dissector and paying attention during lab. Some people do well on the tests, others have lower grades on the quartiles / bell curve. Learn how to deal with grading frustrations if you are not happy with where you are in the class. They have made it pass/fail though, so it may not be as much of an issue any more. I don't know anything about the new curriculum layout.

**Relax and don't stress about anything now.**

**Take the summer off**

Enjoy your summer!!!

Prepare yourself an environment that minimizes stress and is conducive to learning and studying even if it may cost a little more. Weigh the benefits with the disadvantages thoughtfully. Be honest about what is important to you and for you to succeed in medical school.

**Do something fun over the summer!**

The first two years form an excellent foundation for your clinical rotations. Learn as much as you can, don't take any little fact or chemical pathway for granted or as useless, and take advantage of both the amazing basic science and clinical professors. UTSW offers exceptional training opportunities. Don't blow off anything.

**Don't be anxious**

Medical school is much different than college. You will not be able to learn/remember everything. Instead you should focus on learning effectively and with a long-term mindset. Certainly cramming has its place (the day before the test), but studying consistently each day will yield greater results. I recommend reviewing material each day using flash cards, Anki, or whatever works for you. Your goal is not just to ace the exam. Learning what you need to know to take care of your future patients is of far greater importance. Lastly, remember to find balance in your life. You could study all day, but that's not healthy. Make time for what's most important and take breaks. Medical school is hard, yet rewarding. Welcome to the profession of medicine!

**Start a new hobby or continue to expand on an old, but just do something (writing a book, running, painting, building, reading) that you can continue to work on and enjoy in medical school because you will feel too overwhelmed to start something new but you will always make time for something that is already a part of your daily schedule. Do this and you will be that much closer to mastering the balancing act that is medical school. You will also most definitely be happier if you have something outside of med school to keep you grounded.**

It'll be hard. It's not a matter of if it'll be but when. Just remember that this is your dream and to keep going no matter what.