We Invite You to Learn More

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Postdoctoral Training Program at UT Southwestern
"Resources for postdocs at UT Southwestern are among the most comprehensive in the nation. After meeting with postdoctoral leaders across the country, I have come to realize that UT Southwestern is light years ahead of many of our colleagues at other institutions."

Build a Strong Foundation in Science and Professionalism

The postdoctoral experience at UT Southwestern emphasizes research, as well as professional development beyond the bench, so you’ll be well prepared for a promising and successful career in science. At UT Southwestern, the foundation for a successful, independent career as a scientific professional includes, but is not limited to:

- Scientific knowledge
- Research skills
- Science communication
- Leadership
- Ethics

Once you’re established in your lab, you’ll enroll in our postdoctoral certificate program. This program ensures training in skills needed not only in the lab but also in the wide variety of roles you’ll be expected to fill as you continue your scientific career. Upon arrival, all postdoctoral scholars begin earning credit toward the Research Certificate, which includes coursework in ethics, career advancement, and writing an Individual Development Plan. Following completion of the Research Certificate, you’ll choose your next step from these options:

- Advanced Research
- Scientific Management
- Cancer
- Obesity & Metabolism
- Educational Techniques

Accelerate Your Research With Outstanding Facilities and Resources

UT Southwestern has more than 1 million square feet of state-of-the-art research space and more than 30 core lab facilities to support a rich environment for postdoctoral training. You’ll have the resources you need for cutting-edge biomedical research.

Focus on Career Goals

We offer a full-time, dedicated Graduate Career Development Office that serves all postdoctoral trainers and students. Director Natalie Landreth, Ph.D., and her staff provide a range of services, including information on academic, government, and industry careers; personal and transferrable skills assessments; CV/resume review; and preparation for job searches and applications. They also offer an array of career and professional development seminars throughout the year.

Partner With Our Postdoctoral Affairs Office and Postdoctoral Association

We want our postdocs to succeed, and we offer the resources to make that happen.

The Postdoctoral Affairs Office (PDO) advocates for and assists our postdoctoral scholars and their faculty mentors in many areas, including the postdoctoral certificate training program, recruitment and onboarding, career development, and administration of postdoctoral policies.

The PDO also works closely with our Office of International Affairs to assist postdocs sponsored by visas, produces the UT Southwestern Postdoc Handbook, and provides fellowship application assistance.

The Postdoctoral Association (PDA) is a strong community of postdoctoral scholars that sponsors and promotes scientific, professional, and social events. It works closely with the PDO to ensure the needs of postdoctoral scholars are met. You can follow the PDA on Twitter @utswpda.

Live Comfortably in One of America’s Fastest-Growing Cities

UT Southwestern offers postdoctoral researchers competitive salaries, medical and retirement benefits, membership at our Bryant Williams, M.D. Student Center, and discounts on parking and public transportation passes.

You’ll be located in a great place to call home. There is a thriving blend of culture and commerce in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Occupations in the Metroplex are diverse; in addition to research, you’ll find DFW residents employed in a variety of industries, including transportation, defense manufacturing, financial services, telecommunications, information technology, electronics, and health care, to name just a few.

Here are just some of the amenities that make Dallas-Fort Worth special:

- A Lively Arts Scene – the largest urban arts district in the country.
- Sports Central – teams in all five major professional sports and many minor league teams, too.
- Abundant Parks & Recreation – more than 23,000 acres of parks and nearly 62 miles of trails.
- Music & Entertainment – symphony, opera, country, pop – we have it all!
- Shop & Eat ‘Till You Drop – unlimited shopping and more restaurants per person than NY.

Easy Access – DFW airport and Dallas Love Field allow convenient travel to hundreds of destinations around the world.

Be Part of a Legacy

Our postdoctoral researchers help keep UT Southwestern at the forefront of biomedical research. Working with world-renowned scientists, our scholars’ discoveries form the foundation for new ways to prevent or treat disease.

Train With the Best

The excellence of any educational institution -- and the quality of its training -- is determined by the caliber of its faculty, and we have some of the best. Six UT Southwestern faculty members have won Nobel Prizes since 1965. In addition to Nobel Laureates, our faculty currently includes:

- 22 members of the National Academy of Sciences
- 18 members of the National Academy of Medicine
- 17 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 14 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigators
- 2 Lasker Award recipients

Our faculty also comprises leaders of scientific professional societies and many members of national science policy panels and the editorial boards of leading scientific journals.

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“As a career investment, UT Southwestern is one of the best choices for Ph.D. students who are looking for postdoctoral positions, because it is on a fast rise, just like the city of Dallas.”

The area is affordable, too, with a cost of living that’s lower than many other areas of comparable size and amenities.

2015 Cost of Living Index

Dallas 96.1
Boston 144.0
New York 217.4
San Diego 144.8
San Francisco 176.4

(821) is the national average for urban areas)