Our mission
The South Texas Doctoral Bridge Program is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to promote the participation of individuals from underrepresented groups in the pursuit of advanced degrees in biomedical research. We provide financial and academic support, and professional development activities to support students during their Master’s program to prepare them to transition to any biomedical Ph.D. program.

Our students
Bridge students take graduate level courses towards their Master’s degree, participate in biomedical research, and receive specialized professional development to equip them with the skills needed for entry and success in biomedical Ph.D. programs. Our alumni have successfully transitioned into top-tier Ph.D. programs, such as UT Health San Antonio, Duke University, Johns Hopkins University, Baylor University, and many others. If you are interested in earning a Master’s degree and transitioning into a biomedical Ph.D., then the South Texas Doctoral Bridge Program may be for you!

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Participants of the South Texas Doctoral Bridge Program must meet all of the following criteria:

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or non-citizen national
- Enrollment in an eligible master’s program at Texas State University (biochemistry, biology, or see website for other eligible M.S. degrees)
- Identification as a member of one or more groups specifically identified by the NIH as underrepresented in biomedicine (see website)
- GPA of 3.0 in undergraduate or graduate studies
- For more information about program eligibility, see our website at SouthTXDocBridge.org
WHO WE ARE

The South Texas Doctoral Bridge Program seeks to enhance the pool of underrepresented groups in biomedicine who go on to research careers in their fields and who participate in NIH-funded research.

The program is a partnership between Texas State University (a master’s degree granting institution) and the UT Health at San Antonio (a doctoral degree granting institution) to enable joint efforts that will provide students with the necessary academic preparation and skills to facilitate their transition and successful completion of the doctorate degree in biomedical or behavioral sciences.

SUPPORT

Financial Support
• Tuition support for up to two years
• Research salary of $18,000+ annually
• Travel funds of up to $1,500 to present research results at scientific conferences

Professional Development
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• Individualized career guidance
• GRE preparation
• Interview preparation
• Professional scientific and academic networking

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HOW TO APPLY?

Apply to an eligible master’s program at Texas State University:
www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/admissions

Download and complete the Bridge Program application form at:
SouthTXDocBridge.org

Email the completed application form to:
SouthTXDocBridge@txstate.edu

SOUTH TEXAS DOCTORAL BRIDGE PROGRAM

M.S. PH.D.

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