STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB Health) at Galveston complies with the American Disabilities Amendments (ADA) Act of 2008 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and state and local requirements regarding students with disabilities. Under these laws, no otherwise qualified and competitive individual with a disability shall be denied access to our participation in services, programs, and activities of UTMB Health solely on the basis of the disability.

UTMB Health is committed to equal opportunity for students with disabilities. If you have a documented disability or would like to obtain information regarding services for students with disabilities at UTMB, please contact the Student ADA Coordinator, 2.128 Jamail Student Center, (409) 747-4818. This information will be confidential; only those individuals responsible for assuring reasonable accommodations will be given this information.

Guidelines for establishing a disability and requesting accommodations are contained in Students with Disabilities: An Institutional Policy (1997) which may be acquired at the following locations on campus:

- UTMB Health Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, (409) 772-2665.
- UTMB Health Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities (CSSD), (409) 747-4820.
- UTMB Health Student ADA Coordinator, (409) 747-4818.

It can also be accessed on the internet at the following address: http://gsbs.utmb.edu/forms/#prospects

Essential functions for the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences have been identified and are at url of https://gsbs.utmb.edu/policies/default.asp. Read these carefully to ensure that you can meet these requirements in the program, with or without accommodations.

Once accepted into the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences any student who believes he or she requires an accommodation as the result of a disability is encouraged to contact any of the above listed offices and identify his or her needs as soon as possible to allow the university time to review and, if required, to provide a reasonable accommodation. A student or prospective student is not obligated to disclose a disability unless he or she requests an accommodation. Any information provided will be regarded as confidential and will be shared only on a “need to know” basis.

If a student chooses not to disclose this information, neither the academic nor the clinical sites are obligated to make accommodations. Whether or not a requested accommodation is reasonable is determined by the University and guided by applicable law.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

UTMB Health is excited about your plans to pursue your education in the GSBS. Take the next step in accepting the position offered, as completing this form is mandatory.

Please check one of the following:

_____ I will need accommodations under ADA.

_____ I will not need accommodations under ADA.

I certify that I have read and understand the Essential Functions required in the program that sponsored my admissions and verify that I am capable of performing the Essential Functions with or without accommodations.

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Printed Name: (Last)

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Signature
Date

This form must be completed and returned to:

Dr. Joan E. Nichols
Associate Dean for Student Affairs
Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
301 University Boulevard
Galveston, TX  77555-1050

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