

Entering Year 2017

Important Dates to Remember:

March 31-April 1, 2017	Welcome Weekend
July 25 or 26, 2017	Computer/Student Affairs Orientation (MANDATORY) *Specific attendance date is based on last name
July 27, 2017, 7:45 a.m.	Medical School Orientation (MANDATORY)
July 27, 2017, 6:30 p.m.	White Coat Ceremony (MANDATORY) *Bayou City Event Center
July 31, 2017	First Day of Classes
August 11-13, 2017	Student Retreat

Checklist:

Items to Complete

- Acceptance of Position
- Ethical Pledge
- Scholarships
- Parent/Family Contact Form
- Updated Address & Email
- MSII Buddy Form
- Immunization Records
- Photograph
- Order White Coat
- Criminal Background Check
- Final Transcripts
- Computer Requirements
- Financial Aid
- Second Look Tour

Dates/Deadlines

- Within two weeks of acceptance
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- ASAP
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- Available May 2017: Requires myUTH Login
- June 1, 2017
- June 9, 2017
- July 14, 2017
- July 14, 2017
- July 25, 2017
- Please visit [Student Financial Services Website](#)
- Contact if interested

Computer Requirements:

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Detailed Item Descriptions:

Accept your spot at MMS:

As soon as possible notify McGovern Medical School by email that you have accepted the offer to attend medical school (ms.applytouth@uth.tmc.edu). By signing the "Signature Page" (which you can retrieve on your portal at applytoms.uth.tmc.edu) and returning it to the Office of Admissions, you are confirming that you understand the offer of acceptance is contingent upon the successful completion of your current course of study outlined in your application, the timely fulfillment of any stated requirements for entrance not already met by you, and full compliance with this School's criminal background check policy.

Ethical Pledge:

Ethics are critical to the profession of medicine, and it is important that all of our students adopt the principles of the MMS ethical pledge. Please log into your portal (applytoms.uth.tmc.edu) and print out your signature page, sign and mail to Office of Admissions, Attention: Matthew Forney, 6431 Fannin Street MSB G.400, Houston, TX 77030. By signing and sending in the signature page you are confirming that these principles stated in the ethical pledge are important to you.

Scholarships:

Limited scholarships are available. Please submit the electronic McGovern Medical School Scholarship Application using the link provided in your acceptance offer and return as soon as possible after your acceptance. Scholarship awards are typically announced throughout the spring and early summer.

Parent/Family Contact Form:

As you begin your journey at McGovern Medical School, The Office of Admissions and Student Affairs would like to keep your parents and families informed about special events such as White Coat Ceremony, Organization of Parents and Friends events, and eventually, Graduation! Please complete the form located at https://uthtmc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dnZ1Hm77SHQr0qN.

Updated Address & Email:

Keep TMDASAS posted as your address changes even after your acceptance. To change your contact information, please email TMDASAS at info@tmdsas.com. You will no longer be able to log on to TMDASAS to change your information yourself. Once you update TMDASAS with any new information, TMDASAS will update our system with your new contact information.

MS II Buddy:

The MS II Buddy program is designed to match incoming students with second year students to answer questions about getting started in medical school. The form can be found at <https://goo.gl/forms/930WpetCgAPHMWh52>.

Immunizations:

Immunizations must be completed online via myUTH before classes begin. Please read the [Certification of Immunization](#) information and go to [myUTH](#) when you receive your myUTH login in from the Office of the Registrar.

myUTH Access: During the month of May you will receive an email from The Office of the Registrar which will contain your myUTH account information. Once you receive this email you will then have access to submit immunizations and clear holds from other departments. Please allow up to 10 days for your final transcripts mailed to the Office of the Registrar to be uploaded into your myUTH account. After all holds are cleared from your account, you will then automatically be enrolled the next business day into McGovern Medical School and will have access to view tuition, installment plans, financial aid, etc. Please contact the Office of the Registrar directly if you have any questions or problems logging into your myUTH account (713-500-3388).

Photograph:

Your photograph serves two very important purposes, your UT ID badge and the Class Photo Roster. It must be submitted as a JPG file titled lastnamefirstname.jpg (e.g. smithmary.jpg) to msphoto@uth.tmc.edu no later than June 1 (if accepted after June 1, ASAP or within two weeks of acceptance). Home-made photos, scanned or copied photos are acceptable as long as they meet the criteria below. You can also have your photo taken at an official Passport location.

Photos MUST meet the following criteria:

- Resemble a passport photo or drivers license photo
- Have been taken within the past 2 months, showing current appearance
- Be in color
- Be full face, front view with a plain white background
- Photo must be taken in normal street attire, colored or dark clothing. No white T-shirts or white shirts because they do not appear on the badge
- Uniforms should not be worn in photographs
- Do not wear a hat or headgear
- If you normally wear prescription glasses they should be worn for your picture
- Dark glasses or nonprescription glasses with tinted lenses are not acceptable unless you need them for medical reasons

NOTE:

Your UT I.D. Badge is used for access to the Medical School Building, the LRC, and other UT services and must be displayed on you at all times while in clinic and on service at the hospitals. The Class Photo Roster will be used by faculty and classmates to identify you throughout your enrollment in medical school.

Criminal Background Check:

The Criminal Background Check is a requirement for matriculation and/or continued enrollment at McGovern Medical School. The cost for the background check is **\$44.00**. You must have the Criminal Background Check completed by **July 14, 2017**. If you are accepted after **July 14, 2017**, you have **ten days** to complete the criminal background check. Please visit <https://med.uth.edu/admissions/student-affairs/criminal-background-check/> to get started.

Final Transcripts:

Submit only to the **UT-Registrar's Office** — Please do NOT send any transcripts to the Office of Admissions as we are located in separate buildings!

Official transcripts are needed (even if there has been no change since the time of your application) from **all** institutions listed in your application and all institutions attended even if no degree was awarded. Please ensure these are **FINAL transcripts** which have your degree posted. Missing transcripts will prevent enrollment and ability to pay tuition by the due date. In addition, updated transcripts must also be sent to the TMDAS each semester to ensure that there are no missing prerequisites that would delay you attending Orientation.

Mailing Address:

**Office of the Registrar
7000 Fannin, Ste. 2250
Houston, TX 77030**

Financial Aid:

Visit the Health Science Center Office of [Student Financial Services](#) website for information about applying for financial aid and links to the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), etc. The 2017-18 forms should be posted in January 2017. There is no deadline for receipt of financial aid applications; however, they are processed on a “first come, first served” basis. The FAFSA code for UTMSH is #013956.

Second Look Tours:

If interested in scheduling a “Second Look” Tour please feel free to contact Kisha Kohl directly (Kisha.C.Kohl@uth.tmc.edu). Second Look Tours are an opportunity for you and/or your family to revisit our campus and typically last about one hour. They are hosted by one of our current student ambassadors who are able to answer questions about medical school life, housing, curriculum, etc.

More Information about Important Dates:

Welcome Weekend:

Welcome Weekend is a convenient opportunity to meet your fellow classmates and get to know the school better. The Class of 2020 would like to invite you to Welcome Weekend March 31 – April 1, 2017. The events start around 7 pm on Friday will end by 4 pm on that Saturday. We are beyond excited to give you a unique and unforgettable weekend that will show you a little bit of what you can expect!

A more detailed description will be sent at a later time, but some of the highlights for the weekend include: Information Panels with faculty and current students about the new curriculum, nightly social events, apartment tours/tips, BBQ and field day, and so much

more! You are responsible for providing your own transportation and housing. However, a limited number of housing with current students can be arranged for those who absolutely need it on a first come, first served basis.

Please visit <https://goo.gl/forms/o3ZubQMDIPOwltr93> to register.

*Registration fee of **\$15 per person** includes a t-shirt and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

Deadline for registration is: **11:59 pm on Friday, March 17th

Computer, Student Affairs, and Office of Educational Programs Orientation:

You are required to attend on the day specified by the first initial of your last name (see table below). Please report to the designated rooms at 8:00 am and 1:00 pm on the day of your orientation (see table below). It is very important to be on time. You must bring your laptop at this time so that it can be configured. You will pick up your UT ID badge and a packet with User IDs and passwords. This is required for all entering students. Please feel free to dress comfortably as you will be at the school the majority of the day.

July 25, 2017			July 26, 2017		
	MSIT	OASA/OEP		MSIT	OASA/OEP
	MSB 1.006	MSB 3.001		MSB 1.006	MSB 3.001
8:00 AM	A – E	F – K	8:00 AM	L – R	S – Z
1:00 PM	F – K	A – E	1:00 PM	S – Z	L – R

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Medical School Orientation:

Orientation begins at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday July 27. **ATTENDANCE AT THIS ORIENTATION IS MANDATORY** and extremely important. You will be checking in and picking up packets in the Leather Lounge. On Orientation Day there will also be representatives from student organizations. A checkbook could come in handy.

White Coat Ceremony:

The White Coat Ceremony will take place Thursday, July 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bayou City Event Center, 9401 Knight Road. Students must report no later than 6 p.m. You will don your white coat officially for the first time. Please order your white coat by June 9, 2017—complete this form <https://med.uth.edu/admissions/documents/2017/04/mms-white-coat-order-form.pdf> which when completed should be emailed to uthsc.medicalstore@gmail.com. You may invite as many family members and friends as you would like. The ceremony should conclude by 7:45 p.m. Parking at the event center is plentiful and free.

First Day of Classes:

Bring your laptop, tablet, or just pen and paper and get started on July 31, 2017.

Retreat:

Retreat, to be held August 11-13, 2017, is an unforgettable experience and a great chance to meet your future classmates and colleagues in a non-stressful environment. Many of the second and third year students participate in the 40 year tradition, along with faculty and alumni you will encounter during your first year of medical school. Retreat is a great chance to just sit back, relax and have a fabulous time. Details and registration information can be found at <https://med.uth.edu/retreat/>.