



The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences would like to announce our newest staff member, Natalie Sirisaengtaksin, PhD, who joined the Graduate School on December 16 as a program manager in the academic affairs office.

Sirisaengtaksin obtained her MS in cell biology (2010) and PhD in neuroscience (2017) from the GSBS. Her MS and PhD advisor was Andy Bean, PhD. She also received several student awards during her time at the school, including the Russell and Diana Hawkins Family Foundation Discovery Fellowship (2013-2016), Presidents Research Scholarship (2016), and Dee S. and Patricia Osborne Endowed Scholarship in the Neurosciences (2016).

After graduation, Sirisaengtaksin worked as a postdoctoral research fellow in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at McGovern Medical School and a postdoctoral fellow in the UTHealth-CPRIT Postdoctoral Innovation in Cancer Prevention Research Training Program.

In her new position, Sirisaengtaksin will be taking over duties from Brenda Gaughan, who is retiring this month. She will be advising students and will also be the school's 504 ADA coordinator (academic).

"I learned everything the hard way!," said Sirisaengtaksin "For example, I didn't know to have a lab already picked out when I started as an MS student. I made every mistake you could make in graduate school. I'm hoping I can use my experiences to help students figure out their path."