Updated Guidance for Visiting Students on Campus (effective October 1, 2020)

Beginning October 1, 2020, non-UTHSA undergraduate students may apply to participate in research activities through sponsorship by and under the direct supervision of a UTHSA faculty member.

While expanded access for research-related activities will be allowable, access to UT Health San Antonio remains restricted to limited entrances and it is the full expectation that the faculty sponsor is responsible for ensuring that the visiting student adheres to all University policies and procedures. This will include adherence to the University's COVID-19 campus safety protocols as well as additional laboratory safety and security protocols, as specified by the faculty sponsor. The faculty sponsor is also expected to confer with other members in the research laboratories, as UTHSA graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, lab managers, and other UTHSA faculty and staff, may be working alongside the non-UTHSA undergraduate students, either to assist in training or to engage collaboratively in research activities.

The faculty sponsor should submit a Visiting Student Exemption request, available through the Office of the University Registrar at https://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar/2013/03/visiting-student/.

Once the faculty sponsorship application has been approved by the faculty member and the appropriate Department Chair and Dean, the sponsorship application is submitted to the Office of the University Registrar. The identified students will submit individual applications to obtain visiting student status at UTHSA through the Office of the University Registrar (https://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar/2013/03/visiting-student/).

Visiting students are subject to the same rules and regulations as UT Health San Antonio students. Violation of any UT Health San Antonio policy may result in immediate denial of access, withdrawal of the visiting student status, or other sanctions. School policies are delineated in the University Catalog. Because the nature of the work conducted by non-UTHSA undergraduate students in research laboratories most closely resembles the work of our UTHSA graduate students, the non-UTHSA undergraduate students working in research laboratories will follow the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences student policies.

This guidance is subject to changes as conditions warrant, in order to sustain safe campus operations.

Approved by Deans Council, Vice President for Research, and Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs, September 24, 2020