The Institute for the Medical Humanities

PhD, MD-PhD, MA-MD, MA

The Institute for the Medical Humanities (IMH) advances inquiry that enlarges the scholarly connections among the humanities, health care, health policy, and biomedical research. Rooted in philosophy, literature, religion, history, bioethics and humanistic social science disciplines, our interdisciplinary program is designed to illuminate value questions in health-care settings, elicit meaning from illness by analysis and imagination, and cultivate critical intelligence that probes the making, meaning, and authority of diverse knowledges.

Graduate students in the medical humanities will acquire:

• Proficiency with the methods and literatures of the medical humanities
• Competence in one or more humanities disciplines and their application to the investigation of a particular problem
• Capacity to transform this investigation into a thesis or dissertation that represents significant and original research
• Ability to teach and work with a variety of people in the humanities, health sciences and professions

Since 1989 the IMH has been a trailblazer in developing innovative humanistic approaches to enhance the training of graduate students, medical students, and other health professionals.

Incoming students enter a rich learning environment enhanced by practical opportunities to be involved in clinical and research ethics. They engage in a dynamic program of visiting scholars and symposia that deepen the dialogue between the humanities, the health sciences, and the health professions.

Our graduates are leaders and change agents across a wide array of academic and health-related fields as educators, ethicists, activists, and researchers with a passion for bringing humanities to health.

Please refer to the General Information Catalog section for Graduate Requirements for Admission available at https://www.utmb.edu/enrollmentservices/catalog.asp
UTMB Health Mission Statement: UTMB’s mission is to improve health for the people of Texas and around the world by offering innovative education and training, pursuing cutting edge research and providing the highest quality patient care.

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Mission Statement: The mission promotes the advancement of human understanding and knowledge in health-related disciplines through scholarly teaching and research in the biomedical sciences. Foremost, the Graduate School embraces excellence in all of its academic pursuits and activities. Academic curricula and programs are available that emphasize developing individual leadership, communication, motivation, and scholarship to meet the challenges of today’s society.

PROGRAM FACTS

- All students are required to take and demonstrate proficiency in Humanism and the Humanities, Humanism and the Medical Humanities, Clinical Ethics Consultation, and Ethics of Scientific Research.

- Students pursuing a PhD degree will complete these four required courses plus 39 hours of elective course work, pass written and oral qualifying examinations, and write and defend a dissertation.

- MA students will complete the four required courses plus 15 hours of elective courses and write a master’s thesis.

- After the first year of course work, PhD students will begin focusing on areas of specialization to prepare for the qualifying examination and dissertation proposal.

- Students may elect major and minor areas of specialization that include, for example, health-care ethics, health law and policy, history of medicine, literature and narrative studies in health care, and social medicine.

Benefits:

Eligible students can qualify for a package that includes a graduate assistant salary of $31,000 in addition to comprehensive health insurance coverage. Other benefits include paid tuition and fees, free membership to the campus fitness center, and several others.

WHY UTMB?

One of the lowest cost programs in Texas
- Small class sizes
- Low faculty-to-student ratio (1:1)
- Face-to-face courses (No online classes)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- To be considered for admission to the Institute of Medical Humanities program in UTMB’s Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences degrees, applicants must provide proof of a bachelor’s degree, from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States, or proof of equivalent degree and training from an acceptable foreign institution of higher education.

- Each graduate program has specific requirements, but common factors considered by the admissions committee include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Undergraduate overall and upper division GPA (above 3.0 preferred)
  - Scores on the GRE
  - A minimum score on the TOEFL of 550 (paper), 213 (computer-based), or 80 (internet-based), or a minimum score of 6.5 on the IELTS for applicants whose native language is not English
  - Personal interviews with Institute faculty members are ordinarily required

- Preference is given to applicants with an advanced degree in law, literature, history, philosophy, religious studies, or theology; a closely allied program in the humanities or social sciences; or one of the health sciences or professional

- Final recommendations by the graduate program faculty are based on competitive evaluation of the qualifications of the applicant plus consideration of the availability of space and resources

For more information or to apply, please visit: https://gsbs.utmb.edu

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https://www.utmb.edu/enrollmentservices/future-students/tuition-and-fees

Scholarships Available
https://www.utmb.edu/enrollmentservices/resources/scholarships

ADA information
Contact: Lela Lockett-Ware, OTR Student ADA Coordinator
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Accreditation: UTMB Health at Galveston is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the baccalaureate, masters, doctoral, and professional degrees

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