Neuroscience

Master of Science in Neuroscience
Doctor of Philosophy

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Facilities for Graduate Work

The interdisciplinary graduate program in Neuroscience offers excellent opportunities for multidisciplinary graduate study in the neurosciences. Facilities include those maintained by the participating programs in the Colleges of Natural Sciences, Liberal Arts, Pharmacy, Education, Communication, Dell Medical School and in the Cockrell School of Engineering. Institutional support, training grants, and federal and state grants to investigators in the program provide stipends and support research. Faculty members throughout the university participate in interdisciplinary seminars, a year-long principles of neuroscience course, and offer numerous neuroscience course electives in specialty topics. The goal of the program is to provide students with broad exposure to diverse areas of neuroscience research, while enabling them to develop expertise in a specialized field and apply cutting-edge methodologies throughout their careers in neuroscience research, teaching and industry. To achieve this, the faculty is committed to fostering a diverse, cohesive, and interactive environment, supported by a flexible curriculum tailored to meet the individual needs of each student.

Areas of Study

Neuroscience encompasses behavioral, systems, cellular, molecular, and computational approaches to understanding the nervous system. The faculty use a wide variety of state-of-the-art techniques for their studies, including functional magnetic and optical imaging, various behavioral analyses of animals and humans, transmission and scanning electron microscopy, molecular and cellular biophysics, cellular- and systems-level neurophysiology, biochemistry, molecular genetics, and various types of computer modeling. The research-intensive environment emphasizes multidisciplinary investigations. The program offers students both a sound education in neuroscience and a broad research experience.

Graduate Studies Committee

The following faculty members served on the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) in the spring 2025 semester.

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Admission Requirements

The requirements of the Graduate School for admission into a Doctor of Philosophy degree program must be met. However, the qualifications of most admitted applicants exceed these minimum requirements. All applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, usually in a biological science, chemistry, computer science, experimental psychology, pharmacy, or engineering. Undergraduate preparation should include one year of chemistry, one year of biology, mathematics through calculus, and courses in psychology and physics. However, students without some of these prerequisites may be admitted on the condition that they make up any deficiencies during their first two years of study.