Our Mission

The pursuit of excellence in biomedical research.

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Baylor College of Medicine’s Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences is ranked highest among Texas biomedical graduate programs and BCM is ranked second in the United States in funding for research in the basic biomedical sciences.

Baylor College of Medicine’s Human Genome Sequencing Center heralded a new era of personalized medicine as one of three National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded genome centers that mapped the entire human genome.

Overall enrollment in BCM’s Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences has increased 20 percent since 2003 and the average time from enrollment to degree completion is 5.9 years, as compared to the national average of seven years.

Baylor College of Medicine is the only National Institutes of Health (NIH) Diabetes Center in Texas and one of only 17 in the United States. As a member of this network, BCM will collaborate with centers across the country and act as a national resource on diabetes and diabetes research.

Benefiting Students in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine
Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) is an enthusiastic volunteer organization that supports the development of research students in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences of Baylor College of Medicine (BCM). Our scholars train with BCM’s distinguished scientists to find cures for cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer’s disease, heart disease and other illnesses. Through advocacy, fundraising and mentorship, BRASS members give these students the support needed to one day be recognized among the best minds in medicine.

“From attending dinners and cultural events with BRASS Scholars to being in the audience as the students present their doctoral research defense, each experience reinforces that we are fortunate to be a part of these brilliant individuals’ lives and have them as part of our community.”

ELSIE AND LES ECKERT
BRASS MEMBERS

“The benefit of being a BRASS scholar stretches beyond the financial support for our research. The sincere interest that BRASS members show in my personal and professional growth is outstanding. To say my involvement with BRASS has been an enriching experience would be an understatement.”

ERIC HYUN
BRASS SCHOLAR

“As BRASS founding members, it is particularly meaningful to see the growth of the organization. When our first Squirrel Creek Ranch Cancer Retreat started in 1999, it was a perfect match to involve the scholars in this outreach program for the families of children with cancer. The BRASS scholars have become an integral part of every retreat. We are honored to be associated with such outstanding young people.”

SIDNEY AND DON FAUST
BRASS MEMBERS

Since 1995, BRASS has helped recruit many of the nation’s top students to BCM by offering scholarships, research funding and a network of Houston community leaders who welcome these exemplary graduate students into their circle of family, cultural, civic and social activities. BRASS members encourage scholars to share their zeal for biomedical research with others and participate in outreach programs that elevate the next generation of young scholars.