



Boston University School of Medicine

Dear Ph.D Candidate,

Congratulations on accepting our offer to attend Graduate Medical Sciences (GMS) at Boston University School of Medicine. We look forward to meeting you at Fall 2019 Orientation, details outlined below. This letter is intended to provide you with information regarding registration procedures, housing and other University requirements and resources. Please visit the [GMS](#) website if you require additional information after reading this letter.

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS & DEGREE CERTIFICATES

All incoming students are required to submit a final, official transcript, degree certificate or other official document outlining any previously conferred degree(s). Your spring semester registration in October will be placed on hold if we do not have record of your degree conferred transcript. Please submit any outstanding required official document(s) as soon as possible to:

Graduate Medical Sciences
Boston University School of Medicine
Attn: Admissions
72 East Concord Street, L-317
Boston, MA 02118, U.S.A.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY EMAIL ACCOUNT AND REGISTRATION

The GMS Registrar, [Ms. Millie Agosto](#), will be sending an email with instructions on creating a BU email account and early access beginning in May for admitted students in the PhD programs. You will also be pre-registered and confirmed via email.

ORIENTATION

Fall 2019 Orientation will be held on ***Friday, August 30, 2019*** from 9:00AM to 11:00AM at 670 Albany Street on the Boston University Medical Campus. Faculty, staff, and current students will be available to answer questions and deliver brief, informative presentations. Program specific orientations and will be held following the general orientation session. Lunch will be provided. You will receive an orientation schedule in August.

STUDENT ID CARD

All students must obtain a BU student identification (ID) card. You may obtain your ID card from the [Medical Campus Identification Office](#) at 710 Albany Street in Room 102 on weekdays between 7:00AM and 9:00AM and between 12:30PM and 3:00PM.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Please refer to the Boston University 2019-2020 [Academic Calendar](#) for important dates.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Boston University offers [health insurance](#) to all GMS students. If you choose not to enroll in the Aetna health insurance plan, then you must waive the plan via the [BU Student Link](#). Otherwise, you will be automatically enrolled and charged for Aetna health insurance through Boston University.

REPORT OF MEDICAL HISTORY AND IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION**

Boston University School of Medicine requires a Medical History and Physical Report Form for all new students. Students in non-clinical programs should complete the Graduate or Transfer Student [form](#). Completed forms can be uploaded to the [Patient Connect Portal](#). Any questions should be directed to Student Health Services at 617-353-3575.

****YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER FOR CLASS UNTIL PROOF OF REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS ARE SUBMITTED TO STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES**

HOUSING

Please visit the GMS Housing [page](#) for information to start your housing search. This page links to several other resources such as [BUMC Office of Housing Resources](#) and [BU Off-Campus Housing](#).

Boston University will also be hosting a [Housing Fair](#) on Friday, June 7th from 12:00PM-2:00PM in the School of Medicine's Hiebert Lounge (72 East Concord St., 14th floor, Boston, MA 02118).

Additionally, [BU Real Estate](#) offers BU apartments to graduate students, faculty and staff. For information regarding available apartments on the Charles River Campus, please call BU Real Estate at (617) 353-4101. All information can be found on our website.

All students should familiarize themselves with [Tenant's Rights](#) prior to signing a lease.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Should you have any problems or questions regarding your visa status, please contact the [International Students and Scholars Office](#) at 888 Commonwealth Avenue, 2nd floor, (617-353-3565 or isso@bu.edu) or Shuchita Rao in the GMS office (617-358-9542 or srao2019@bu.edu). You will not be allowed to register for classes until the International Students and Scholars Office has cleared you for admission.

DISABILITY SERVICES

Boston University's Graduate Medical Sciences takes great pride in the academic and personal achievements of its many students and alumni with disabilities and is committed to providing equal and integrated access for individuals with disabilities to all the academic, social, cultural, and recreational programs it offers.

Reach out to Dr. Theresa Davies, Assistant Dean for Graduate Affairs, who serves as the liaison between GMS and the Office of Disability Services with any questions (tdavies@bu.edu). Information on GMS Disability Services can be found [here](#).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Find your way around campus via the [campus map](#)
- Learn more about campus safety from the [Boston University Police Department](#)
- Explore transportation options to and from BU through [Transportation Services](#)
- Explore driving and parking options through the [Office of Parking Services](#)
- Discover your new favorite study space at the Alumni Medical [library](#) or one of the other 27 BU [libraries](#)
- Consult the [Office of Information Technology](#) for general-access computing and communications support across the entire Boston University campus
- Connect with [Behavioral Medicine](#) counselors, who offer a number of services to students, faculty, and staff
- Explore student organizations and resources at the Student Life [page](#).
- Finally, check here for information regarding Boston's rapid transit system, the [MBTA](#)

If you have questions between now and orientation, please contact your degree program directly.

Best wishes for a successful academic experience at Boston University School of Medicine.