



# PHARMACY WITHOUT LIMITS



College of Pharmacy  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON



# IT'S TIME TO STEP OUT FROM BEHIND THE COUNTER

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**At the University of Houston**

**College of Pharmacy,** we believe that pharmacy can be a transformative force for health—and we are reimagining the profession of pharmacy. Our students are passionate learners and compassionate leaders, supported by our internationally recognized faculty and a culture of collaboration and inclusion.

We are committed to keeping our program accessible and affordable, because we believe that removing barriers to care and removing barriers to an excellent education go hand in hand.

**TOGETHER, WE CAN  
EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES  
OF PHARMACY IN EVERY  
DIRECTION**



# 4 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

of the Highest NAPLEX First-time Pass Rate in Texas

Source: Kane SP. Pharmacy School NAPLEX Pass Rates (2010-2020).  
ClinCalc: <https://clincalc.com/Pharmacy/NAPLEX.aspx>

# WORLD'S TOP 2%

7 UHCOP Faculty Members Among "World's Top 2% Most Cited"

Source: Elsevier database of top-cited scientists



# #31

in US News & World Report Top Colleges of Pharmacy

Source: US News & World Report 2021

# #35

out of 113 institutions in Research Funding Among Pharmacy Colleges <sup>4</sup>

Source: 2022 AACP Research Ranking



# 80+ SCHOLARSHIPS

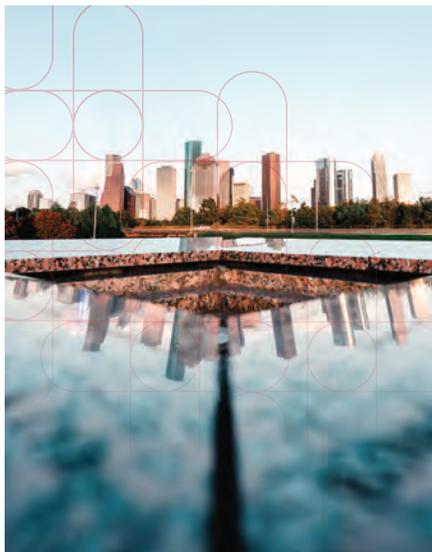
Once students have established a professional GPA after their first semester, they may apply for multiple scholarships with a single application



# BETTER LIVING THROUGH PHARMACY

**We seek out students who are fiercely committed to taking pharmacy in new directions and immerse them in a supportive environment.** Here, engaged faculty share their expertise in research, scholarship, and patient care. You will train in world-class facilities and gain

exposure to diverse patient populations—in a region rich in health care resources, experiential learning opportunities, and employment options. Becoming a member of our community grants you access to an extensive network of alumni and organizations that will enrich your education and help you fulfill your goals. Our dedication to advancing the future of pharmacy begins with empowering the pharmacists of tomorrow.



Our culture is collaborative by design and purposeful by nature. Faculty and staff make decisions in tandem with our student leaders, who help create an active and engaged campus community. The diversity of our student body reflects the breadth and depth of the patients and communities we serve.

# VOCATION MEETS LOCATION

## IMPACT & ENGAGEMENT

Interprofessional education (IPE) is a major component of the UHCOP curriculum. Our students learn about, from, and with health care professionals from diverse backgrounds and specialties, preparing them to work in interprofessional teams upon graduation. These clinics and programs provide opportunities to collaborate and improve health outcomes for patients across the greater Houston region and beyond.

The multidisciplinary, student-run H.O.M.E.S. (Houston Outreach Medicine, Education, and Social Services) Clinic provides Houstonians experiencing unstable housing with medical care on Sundays, when options are typically limited to the emergency room.



Vecino Denver Harbor Family Health Clinic makes medical, dental, and behavioral health services accessible to the medically underserved, while working toward a day

when the term “medically underserved” does not apply anywhere in Houston.



In collaboration with Doctors Hospital at Renaissance in Edinburg, the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Pharm.D. Satellite Program provides students with an opportunity to work in an integrated health care environment and dedicate themselves to a region rich in culture, history and natural beauty, but burdened by chronic disease, health disparities, and limited health care access.

The first-of-its-kind in the nation, 18-hour Pharmacy Certificate in Hispanic Healthcare program provides Pharm.D. students with advanced skills and knowledge to deliver culturally and linguistically competent pharmacy care services to Hispanic and Spanish-speaking patient populations, including specific health and medical experiential learning and practice through fieldwork and/or public service and outreach.

**JOIN US!**

# THE KEY TO UNLOCKING GLOBAL HEALTH IS AT UHCOP

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**Many paths. One goal.** To us, pharmacy is more than a job—it's a calling. This dedication fuels us in the classroom, in the lab, and in the community. As the region's leading pharmacy program, we have one goal: improving patient health. There's no better place to advance your education, develop your skills, and learn to provide exceptional care.

- ✚ Pharm.D.
- ✚ PharmD + PhD Consecutive Program
- ✚ PharmD-MBA Dual Degree
- ✚ Pharmacy Leadership and Administration (post-graduate)

## APPLICATION PROCESS

UHCOP uses the Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS) national centralized online application service. All inquiries can be directed to [PharmDInfo@uh.edu](mailto:PharmDInfo@uh.edu).

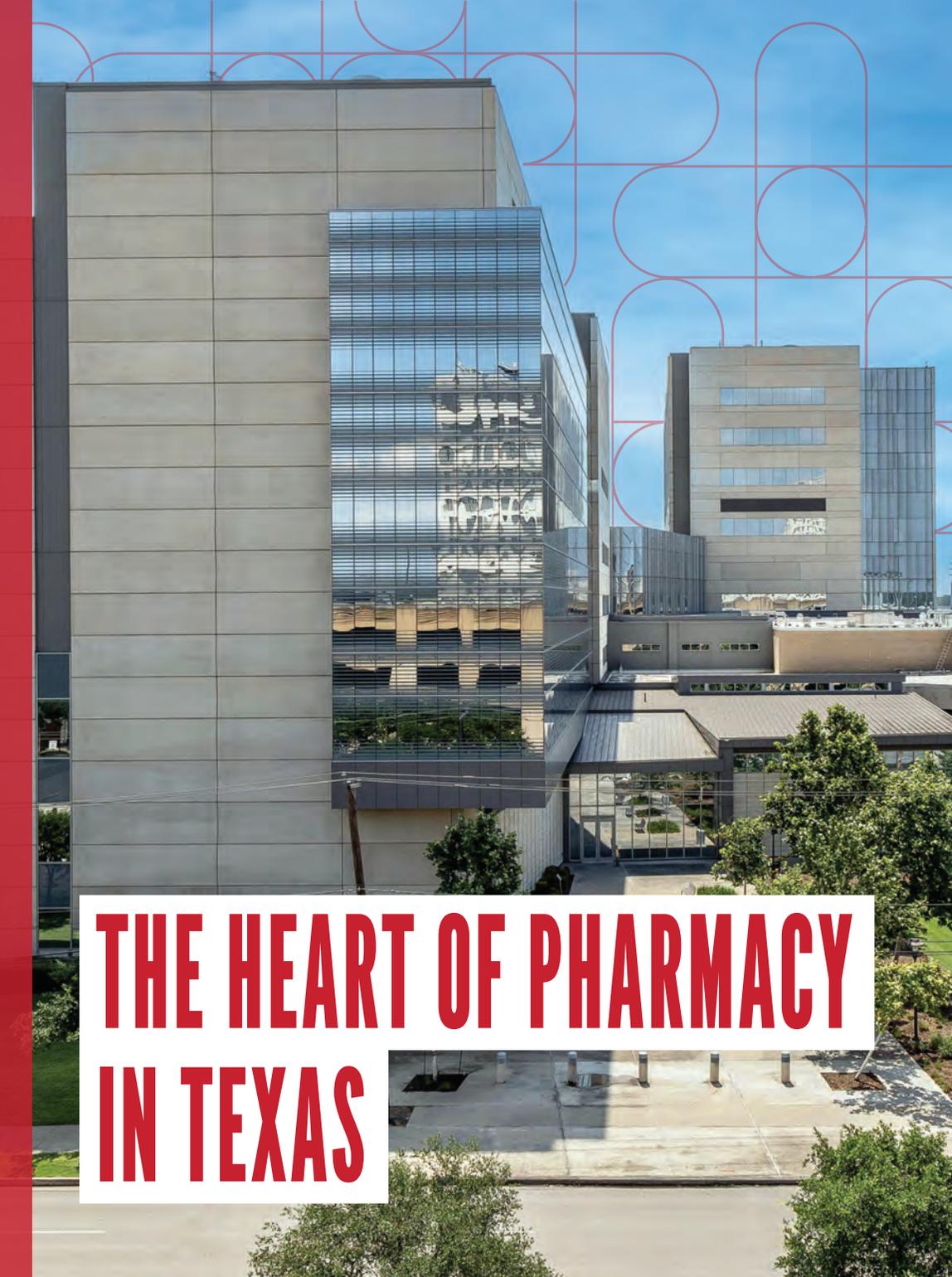
The University of Houston is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution. Minorities, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

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**PHARMACY IS EVERYWHERE. BECAUSE HEALTH IS EVERYWHERE.**



# THE HEART OF PHARMACY IN TEXAS

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## HEALTH 2 BUILDING

**Five floors. Endless opportunities for learning.** With classrooms, labs, patient counseling suites, and space for clinical exams, our campus home has everything you need to build a solid foundation of clinical and experiential knowledge.

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## UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON CAMPUS

**Our progressive, integrated curriculum is reinforced with the resources and network of Texas's premier urban teaching and research university.** Innovative, hands-on training opportunities, unique residency and fellowship collaboration, and a dual degree program will prepare you to thrive in a variety of practice settings.

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## TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER

**Yes, everything really is bigger in Texas**—especially the largest medical center in the world. Membership within TMC provides limitless opportunities for research, specialized rotations, interprofessional education, and access to cutting-edge technology.

# 75 YEARS OF HERITAGE



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**The field of pharmacy is evolving to meet the ever-changing needs of patients and communities.**

As the second oldest pharmacy school in Texas, we have led that change since 1946. We are committed to providing our students an environment of innovation and opportunity. With access to the resources of the Texas Medical Center and the network of the University of Houston, this is an educational experience you won't find anywhere else.

Not only is Houston the fourth-largest city in the U.S., it's the most diverse city in the country—more than 145 languages are spoken here. This vibrant region provides an unmatched range of educational, professional, and cultural opportunities. Houston is also a hub of economic activity, with every major industry and both national and international businesses represented.

# TOP PHARMACY LEADERS

## UHCOP FACULTY

Our progressive, integrated curriculum is brought to life by our accomplished faculty—leading researchers, expert clinicians, and visionary entrepreneurs. Their unique perspectives and experiences will prepare and empower you to succeed, both here and in your chosen career.



### FACULTY PROFILE

## DR. DOUG THORNTON

Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Health Outcomes and Policy

As director of The Prescription Drug Misuse Education and Research Center—supported by state and federal funding—Dr. Thornton leads multiple initiatives to promote the pharmacist’s role in reducing and preventing prescription drug misuse, especially opioids.

### FACULTY PROFILE

## DR. MEGHNA TRIVEDI

Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research/Pharmacological and Pharmaceutical Sciences

The college’s first Pharm.D./Ph.D. graduate, Dr. Trivedi’s research spans traditional bench science, health disparities/outcomes, and genomics. With support from the U.S. Department of Defense and National Cancer Institute, she is investigating novel drug targets and the effectiveness of treatments for breast cancer. Recognized by the university for student mentorship, Dr. Trivedi also has helped the student members of her lab secure competitive travel awards to present at national conferences.





#### FACULTY PROFILE

## DR. GOMIKA UDUGAMASOORIYA

Professor, Pharmacological and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Named a Senior Member of the National Academy of Inventors in 2023, Dr. Udugamsooriya has partnered with Grammy-nominated recording artist Aloe Blacc to develop a method of identifying compounds that can block viral infections—the molecular equivalent of a face mask. He also is applying the unique drug discovery techniques he developed to identify novel compounds for cancer and other diseases.



#### FACULTY PROFILE

## DR. VINCENT TAM

Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research/Pharmacological and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Dr. Tam has secured multiple patents and National Institutes of Health grants for his research, which includes the development of a rapid diagnostic device to guide clinicians with more precise drug combinations against resistant bacteria, as well as optimizing a potent, but toxic, antibiotic of “last resort” for multidrug resistant infections.



#### FACULTY PROFILE

## DR. JULIANNA FERNANDEZ

Clinical Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research

A board-certified geriatrics pharmacist and alumna of the college, Dr. Fernandez works in the Southeast Texas Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program to educate and train students, fellow professionals, and elder care advocates on age-friendly health care. As part of the multi-institutional, multidisciplinary collaboration funded by the U.S. Health Resources Services Administration, Dr. Fernandez and her pharmacy colleagues provide evidence-based pharmacotherapy guidance for the older adult patient.

# WE'RE TAKING PHARMACY WHERE IT'S NEVER BEEN BEFORE

The UH College of Pharmacy alumni are an extensive network of researchers, practitioners, educators, and leaders who are challenging and changing the notions of what pharmacy can do. As partners, mentors, and guides, they play an integral role in fostering connections that advance the future of our field.



**AMY KELLEH**

PharmD, BCGP, CDCES, Class of 2015  
Integrated Clinic Pharmacist Lead, Humana

**“From being a community pharmacist to discovering my love for the geriatric patient population, my experience at UHCOP has been the foundation for my ability to do all of the things I do.”**



**ALEX C. VARKEY**

PharmD, MS, FAPhA, Class of 2005  
Director of Pharmacy, Houston Methodist Hospital  
'24-25 National President, American Pharmacists Association

“I was especially appreciative of the faculty’s genuine interest in my success, though that doesn’t quite mean they made things too easy. Navigating today’s health care system complexities, I’m even more appreciative for how I was challenged as a student by my mentors.”



**JEANETTE LAHOUD**

PharmD, Class of 2023  
PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Resident, UVA Health

“From start to finish, I was surrounded with such supportive role models, extraordinary educators, sacrificial mentors, and relentless cheerleaders constantly pushing me to become the best version of myself, professionally and personally.”

**SHAWN AHMAD**

PharmD, Class of 2018  
Trustee, Texas Pharmacy Foundation/Pharmacist-in-Charge, Vital Life Pharmacy

**“From the clinical knowledge needed to impact the lives of my patients to opportunities to connect with accomplished alumni and other pharmacy leaders, UHCOP laid the foundation for my academic and professional development.”**



# MAKING UHCOP SUSTAINABLE AND ATTAINABLE

## VALUE

The cost of attendance per year at UHCOP is significantly more affordable than at private institutions—and competitively priced among public colleges and universities.

**Within tuition, the bigger story is what that provides:**

Access to top faculty and researchers

Experiential training in top-rated health systems in the world's largest medical center

Real patient experience starting in 1<sup>st</sup> semester

Opportunities to specialize in different pharmacy fields

**And the cost of attendance includes:**

Fall + Spring + Summer semesters

Lower cost of living in Houston, which helps offset the total cost over four years compared to other cities

Training at the region's best pharmacy program represents a small investment—and the return is a big and lasting edge in your career.

## FINANCIAL AID

This is our pledge to our students: First and foremost, UHCOP is committed to honesty and transparency. Pharmacy is a rewarding and well-compensated career, and we can help you put together a practical and achievable financial aid plan—with no hidden surprises. If you belong here, let's work to make this work.

Our school has a dedicated financial aid officer for the pharmacy program who is available to meet with students. We have merit and need-based scholarships available.