NEW STUDENT

ORIENTATION 2020

July 29 – 31

GEBS

MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Office of Admissions and Student Affairs
Dear Morehouse School of Medicine Student:

Our school is graced by an overwhelming number of exceptionally well-qualified applicants. You are in good company, and I am delighted to help you begin your journey into the remarkable profession of medicine.

Professional school study is a time of exploration and immersion in your desired specialty. It is a time for the free exchange of ideas, acquisition of new skills, and creation of knowledge. It is a time when faculty will change from being your teachers to being mentors and colleagues.

Morehouse School of Medicine was founded in 1975 as the Medical Education Program at Morehouse College. In 1981, Morehouse School of Medicine became an independently chartered institution and the first established at a Historically Black College and University in the 20th century. Our focus on primary care and addressing the needs of the underserved is critical to improving overall health care.

During the course of my career, I have had the privilege to work in several other major health sciences centers, and I believe our faculty is second to none. Our faculty and staff are committed to exceptional teaching, research, and patient care. We will never lose sight of the responsibility to guide, support, and teach. Morehouse School of Medicine has graduated many medical students over the years, and we remain the leading educator of primary care physicians in the United States.

Our medical school is inextricably linked to our principal teaching hospital, Grady Memorial Hospital, and several affiliates: The Atlanta VA, WellStar Atlanta Medical Center, and Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. Grady Memorial Hospital is the largest safety-net hospital in the Atlanta area, from core primary-care services for the Atlanta region to complex cutting-edge referral services for patients from all over the world with our students as part of the clinical team. Here at Morehouse School of Medicine, students learn the basics of clinical practice by actually contributing.

We are also excited about the many research and community engagement opportunities afforded our students. Morehouse School of Medicine understands the valuable link among research, community participation, and patient care. As we work to realize our vision to lead the creation and advancement of health equity, we recognize that in order to improve health outcomes we must foster innovative research that moves beyond the lab and directly to the patients who need it most.

We are proud of our institution, our facilities, and our programs, but it is the people who make it all work. We are enormously proud of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni. I look forward to meeting each of you personally and hearing your story; please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD
President and Dean
Greetings Graduate Student,

On behalf of the Admissions and Student Affairs Team, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Morehouse School of Medicine family!

We look forward to an opportunity to help you navigate your way through the challenging pursuit of your graduate degree. You will find that the faculty, staff, and administrators of MSM have created an environment that is conducive to learning, enhances emotional well-being, and helps in your professional growth. We look forward to assisting you in achieving your full potential.

We understand the challenges of performing well in your coursework, and we hope that our carefully cultivated “user-friendly” approach provided by our supportive student services team will aid you in your successful navigation toward obtaining your advanced degree.

Our students have a great sense of purpose and are noted for their outstanding effort, persistence, exemplary academic performance, and true grit. Our students come from various cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds and go on to become scientists and public health professionals who truly embody and carry out the great mission of this school:

“Improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities; increasing the diversity of the health professional and scientific workforce and addressing primary health care needs... with emphasis on people of color and the underserved urban and rural populations across Georgia and the nation.”

We hope you will take full advantage of what we have to offer, and we look forward to you becoming a student who embodies the MSM ideals of Excellence, Service, Knowledge, Wisdom, Integrity, and Innovation. Join us as we Lead the Creation and Advancement of Health Equity!

Warmest Regards,

Ngozi F. Anachebe, Pharm.D, MD, ’98, FACOG
Associate Dean, Admissions & Student Affairs
Associate Professor of Clinical Obstetrics & Gynecology
Greetings!

As Georgia’s Fifth Congressional District Representative, I am pleased to send greetings to the GEBS/GEPH 2020 incoming class of Morehouse School of Medicine. More than ever, we need leaders in our healthcare system who will fight for equality and diversity. Morehouse School of Medicine has always served as a beacon of support and academic excellence and I am excited to welcome you to our community.

Atlanta is a great city in which to live and work, and a wonderful place to visit. I encourage you to take the time to enjoy our beautiful city-the gateway to the “New South.”

Our city is more than buildings and concrete-it is a city of warm and wonderful people. It is the birthplace of one of the greatest warriors and leaders of the 20th century, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King preached the philosophy and the discipline of nonviolence, not only in this city but throughout the nation and around the world. Atlanta is truly a city that is striving to become the “Beloved Community.”

It is my hope that you will have the opportunity to enjoy and participate in all aspects of this booming city.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely

John Lewis
Member of Congress

Editor’s Note: Congressman Lewis graciously shared this message with us just before his passing on July 17 after a lifetime spent in service to others. We mourn the loss of this civil rights icon and dear MSM friend, who delivered the keynote address for our 33rd Commencement exercises. We thank Congressman Lewis for his leadership in creating and advancing health equity. Godspeed.
Graduate Education in Biomedical Sciences
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Jaleesa Garth, PhD, Program Manager
Nakisha Green, Program Administrator

Icebreaker
Dezarae Blossomgame, Program Manager
Office of Student Learning & Educational Resources (OSLER)
• Pre-Survey Questions

Strategies for Success
Kimberly Redding, MD, OSLER Director
• Studying vs. Learning
• Bloom’s Taxonomy
• Learning Strategies

Break

Six Strategies for Effective Learning
Jayne Reuben, PhD, Director
Instructional Effectiveness and Instructional Associate Professor, Texas A&M University College of Dentistry
• Six Strategies for effective learning
• Evidence based learning

Lunch Break

Critical Thinking & Problems Solving Tips and Tools
Angela Wimes, Director, The Writing Collaborative

IT Customer Service
Char Battle MBA, CSSGB, CSP, CSM, CSPO, SPSM, FACCOR, Director
Sam Chupp
Help Desk Technician

Canvas, Techsmith, and TurningPoint
Michelle McLver, Allison Legister, Jinjie Zheng, PhD
Master of Science in Medical Science
Orientation Schedule
Thursday, July 30

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9 – 10:30 am
Time Management & Study Support
Amy Lovejoy Mork, PhD, OSLER Associate Director
- Sample MSMS Schedule
- Time Management
- Resources at MSM
- Tutoring
- Approaching faculty

10:30 am – noon
Big Sib/Lil Sib Meet & Greet
- Introductions
- Breakout sessions
- S1: Adjusting to COVID
- S2: Forming study groups
- S3: Invest in Yourself Holistically
- Q&A

Noon – 12:45 pm
Lunch Break

12:45 – 2:15 pm
Myers-Briggs Test Indicator
Shawn Garrison, PhD, Director, Office of Counseling Services
- Understanding your learning preferences.
- Learning in a virtual setting.
- Learning preferences in groups

2:15 – 2:30 pm
Closing
- Post-Survey Questions – Ms. Blossomgame
- Closing Remarks – Rita Finley, PhD
## Morehouse School of Medicine
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Graduate Education in Biomedical Sciences  
Orientation Schedule  
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| 8:30 – 8:45 am | Welcome  
Ward Kirlin, PhD, and GEBS staff                           |
| 9 – 9:50 am | **Program Overview: Policies, Curriculum, & Milestones**  
Program Directors  
*Individual Zoom sessions (links to be provided)*  
PhD – Ward Kirlin, PhD  
MSBR – Karen Russell-Randall, PhD  
Online MSBT – James Lillard, PhD, and Angelia Howard, EdD  
MSNS – Morris Benveniste, PhD  
MSCR – Priscilla Pemu, MD |
| 10 am – noon | **MSM Student Dilemmas**  
Dr. Garrison, Director of Counseling Services  
[https://zoom.us/j/95038795383](https://zoom.us/j/95038795383) |
| Noon – 1 pm | Lunch Break                                                               |
| 1 – 1:30 pm | **Meet with your Advisor**  
(Advisors will contact students)                                    |
| 1:30 – 2 pm | **Learning Communities**  
Danita Eatman, PhD  
[https://zoom.us/j/95038795383](https://zoom.us/j/95038795383) |
| 2:30 – 3 pm | **Office of Student Learning and Educational Resources**  
Dr. Redding, Assistant Professor  
Dr. Mork, Assistant Professor  
[https://zoom.us/j/95038795383](https://zoom.us/j/95038795383) |
| 3 – 4 pm   | **Online Learning Resources**  
Michelle McIver  
Office of Digital Learning  
[https://zoom.us/j/95038795383](https://zoom.us/j/95038795383) |
| 4 – 5 pm   | **Career Connections**  
Jonathan Stiles, PhD                                                  |

*Zoom link provided separately*
# Morehouse School of Medicine
## Graduate Education in Biomedical Sciences

### Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences

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Office of Admissions and Student Affairs
Orientation Schedule

Friday, July 31

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/98776770732?pwd=Zyt2bzNQOEY0U0hmVzQrQ3FzZHU5dz09
Zoom Password: 871145
Zoom Host: Natalia Cook

8:30 – 9:30 am  
**Greetings and Welcome**  
Valerie Montgomery Rice, M.D.  
President and Dean

**Introduction of MPH Faculty**  
Stephanie Miles-Richardson, DVM, PhD  
Associate Dean for Graduate Education in Public Health

**Introduction of MSCR Faculty**  
Alexander Quarshie, PhD  
Program Director, MSCR

**Introduction of GEBS Faculty**  
Ward Kirlin, PhD  
Acting Associate Dean, GEBS

**Introduction of Students**  
Ngozi F. Anachebe, PharmD, MD, ’98, FACOG  
Associate Dean of Admissions and Students Affairs

9:30 – 10 am  
**Student Health Services/COVID-19 Precautions**  
Sarita Cathcart, RN, NP-C

10 – 10:15 am  
**Compliance Awareness**  
Carl Ware  
Office of Compliance and Corporate Integrity

10:15 – 10:30 am  
**Break**

10:30 – 11 am  
**Money Matters/Debt Management Session**  
Kathy Odom  
Manager, Debt Management/Default Prevention

11 – 11:30 am  
**Counseling Services**  
Shawn Garrison, PhD  
Director, Counseling Services
11:30 am – Noon  **Library Orientation**  
Tara Douglas-Williams, MSLS  
Division Head, Information Services

Noon – 1 pm  **Lunch on your own**

1 – 2 pm  **Understanding Title IX & Disability Services**  
Marla D. Thompson, MPA  
Manager, Employee Relations and Title IX Compliance

2 – 3 pm  **HSA Consulting – Student Insurance**  
Daryl Hall  
Vice President

3 – 3:30 pm  **Registrar**  
Mario Graydon  
Senior Registrar Specialist

3:30 – 4 pm  **Public Safety**  
Chief Joseph Chevalier

4 – 4:30 pm  **Finance Office**  
Trina Shelton  
Senior Accountant, Office of the Controller
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Admissions Specialist
Rashad Ramsey
Admissions Specialist
Dominique Young
Admissions Specialist, Physician Assistant Studies
Qiana Williams
Data Management Specialist
Angela Freeman
Registrar & Director, Student Information Systems
Mario Graydon
Senior Registrar Specialist
Jannette Revere
Administrative Assistant, Registrar’s Office
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