



# Graduate School Orientation at the John A. Burns School of Medicine

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# Schedule for Today's Orientation

## **I. Introduction and Welcome:**

Drs. Mariana Gerschenson, Lee Buenconsejo Lum,  
and Julie Maeda

**II. UH Cancer Center Opportunities:** Dr. John  
Shepherd

**III. Parking and IDs:** Elwyn Watkins

**IV. Environmental Health and Safety:** Lisa Johns

**V. Graduate Student Bingo:** Dr. Michelle Tallquist

**VI. Lunch**







# JABSOM Students and Faculty

## Students (AY 2020-21)

### Medical Students

MD Students Total Enrolled	305
Approximate Annual MD applicants	2,176
MD New Entrants First-Year Class	78
Medical school alumni (MD and Resident)	> 4000
‘Imi Ho’ōla Post-Baccalaureate Program	12

### Master of Science (MS) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Biomedical Sciences (Tropical Medicine) (MS, PhD)	15, 9
Cell & Molecular Biology (MS, PhD)	10, 14
Clinical & Translational Research (MS, PhD)	8, 2
Developmental & Reproductive Biology (MS) (PhD)	5, 10
Master’s Degree (MS) in Communication Sciences Disorders	22

### Bachelor of Science (BS) or other programs and certificates

Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Medical Technology	26
Medical Technology Post-Baccalaureate Program	24
Certificate in Tropical Medicine Program (GCERT)	9
Certificate in Clinical Research (GCERT)	2

**Graduate Medical Education Residents and fellows** 228

## Faculty (AY 2020-2021)

Full-time faculty	131
Part-time faculty	225
Full-time faculty in basic sciences	43
Full-time faculty in clinical program	247
Part-time faculty in basic sciences	4
Part-time faculty in clinical program	75
Volunteer basic sciences faculty	13
Volunteer clinical faculty	917

# Office of the Dean

## About

The University of Hawai'i Mānoa (UHM) John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) is led by Interim Dean Lee Buenconsejo-Lum, MD

The Office of the Dean directs activities, personnel, and curricula in the School of Medicine and affiliated community hospitals and health centers. It is responsible for the direct liaison with other Schools of the College of Health Sciences and Social Welfare, the Graduate Division, community colleges, and community agencies for collaborative instruction, research, and community service. It establishes policies with the Schools' Executive Committee to develop and implement the academic programs and coordinate continuing medical education, conducts accredited graduate medical education programs in community hospitals, and is responsible for general program development in accord with Legislative mandate and University of Hawai'i policies.

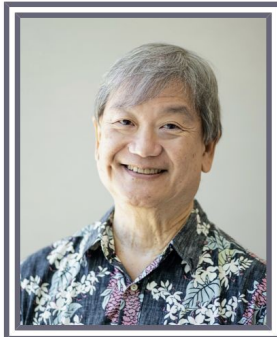
Reach the Executive Assistant [April McConnell](#) at (808) 692-0881.



Lee Buenconsejo-Lum, MD  
Professor, Interim Dean



## Executive Team



Danny Takanishi, MD  
Professor, Interim Assoc Dean of Academic Affairs



Mariana Gerschenson, PhD  
Professor, Associate Dean for Research



Nancy Foster, EdD, MA, CGMA  
Associate Dean for Administration, Finance, and Operations  
and Chief Financial Officer



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### Interim Dean and Associate Dean



### Graduate Dean

The Graduate Dean is in charge of the overall management of the Graduate Division. She oversees the proposal and implementation of improvements in graduate education, including the development and supervision of graduate programs and courses, the appointment and evaluation of graduate chairs and faculty, as well as policies and procedures for graduate assistants and the monitoring of graduate fellowships. The Graduate Dean also chairs the Graduate Council and advises the officers of the Graduate Student Organization.

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Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UH Mānoa)! Your journey to an advanced degree begins now! Graduate Division is excited to welcome you and invites you to attend our New Graduate Student Orientation (NGSO). Attending NGSO is a great opportunity to gain an understanding of our expectations for graduate students and learn ways to prepare for a successful experience. Session topics include learning about graduate-level writing, developing good relationships with faculty mentors, finding funding opportunities, and much more.

Please continue to check our NGSO webpage for updates throughout the summer. For any updates or questions, please email us at [gdevents@hawaii.edu](mailto:gdevents@hawaii.edu).

<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/new-graduate-student-orientation-2023/>

# What does the JABSOM Associate Dean for Research do for Graduate Students?

- Responsible for graduate student enrollment and academic goals
- Problem Solving:
  - Academic
  - Financial
  - Human Resources: Title IX, Hostile Work Environment, Microaggression, Implicit Bias

# Grievances and Complaints

- Grievances:  
<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/graduate-student-grievances/>
- JABSOM Ombudsman: <https://ombuds.jabsom.hawaii.edu>
- Anonymous complaints:  
<https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/40480/index.html>
- Hostile work environment etc., contact JABSOM Human Resources: Kathy Matsumoto <[morifuji@hawaii.edu](mailto:morifuji@hawaii.edu)>
- The Deputy Title IX Coordinator for JABSOM is Coco Seymour, who can be reached at 808-692-1160 or [cseymour@hawaii.edu](mailto:cseymour@hawaii.edu) (<https://jabsom.hawaii.edu/admin/afo/titleix/>)

# Graduate Program Student Resources



Fellowships, teaching assistantships, or research assistantships from a variety of university and extramural sources are available for PhD students, and are awarded based on criteria established by each graduate program. Generally, funding for MS students is more limited in availability than for PhD students. Information on tuition and living expenses for graduate students at the University of Hawai'i may be found on the Office of Graduate Education website.

<https://jabsom.hawaii.edu/ed-programs/masters-phd/campus-info-resources/>

# WELCOME



**April 7 & 8, 2022**

**Abstract submission deadline extended to March 1, 2022**

The Annual Biomedical Sciences & Health Disparities Symposium attracts some of the top health science research and ideas from throughout academia in Hawaii.



# Types of Support and Pay

- Graduate Research Assistant: You are doing research on a research grant/contract. You get a tuition waiver.
  - <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/graduate-assistants/>
- Graduate Teaching Assistant: You are either teaching a course or assist in teaching a course. You get a tuition waiver. You can get summer overload.
- Research Assistant: You are a technician on a research grant/contract employed by RCUH. RCUH may reimburse you for your classes. (<https://www.rcuh.com>)

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/hawaiiedu?keywords=graduate%20assistant>

<https://sece.its.hawaii.edu/sece/login;jsessionid=CDE54CF978D2B60777B67AA31E93>

# Resources Serving Kaka'ako

- **Library and online resources**
- **Laboratory Cores**
- **UH Office of Research Services**
- **Environmental Health and Safety Office (Manoa is separate)**
- **Cafeteria**
- **Human Resources and Fiscal**
- **Parking and IDs (Manoa and BSB/MEB is separate)**
- **Student Lounge in MEB 313C**

# JABSOM Student Lounge (MEB 313C)





# Student Publication Fund



## Student Publications Fund Created

For many of our student researchers, publishing fees for peer-reviewed publications can be very expensive.

Thanks to generous donations, we created the [JABSOM Student Publications Fund](#) to assist our medical and graduate students in showing off the incredible research they are doing here at JABSOM.

- Peer-reviewed publication
- First or Second author or corresponding author
- \$1000.00 available/paper after the journal is paid.
- Excludes papers that were paid using grants or contracts or departmental funds
- Application required
- Payment is based on funding availability

# Where do you find out about Laboratory Cores?

The screenshot shows the website for the John A. Burns School of Medicine's Cores and Infrastructure Grants. The page features a navigation menu with options like 'Learn', 'Care', 'Discover', 'Connect', and 'About Us'. A sidebar on the left lists various core services, including ABSL-3/BSL-3 Biocontainment, Bioinformatics, Biorepository, Biostatistics, Genomics, Histopathology, MRI, Microscopy, Immunology, Murine Behavior, Murine Phenotyping, Proteomics, and Transgenics. The main content area is titled 'Cores and Infrastructure Grants' and includes a section for 'Cores' with a detailed description of the school's commitment to supporting research through these services. It also features two specific core profiles: the ABSL-3/BSL-3 Biocontainment Core and the Bioinformatics Core, each with a photograph and contact information.

**Cores and Infrastructure Grants**

- ABSL-3/BSL-3 Biocontainment Core
- Bioinformatics Core
- Biorepository Core
- Biostatistics Core
- Genomics Core Facility
- Histopathology Core
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Core
- Microscopy - Imaging Core
- Molecular and Cellular Immunology Core
- Murine Behavior and Electrophysiology Core
- Murine Phenotyping Core
- Proteomics Core
- Transgenics Core

### Cores and Infrastructure Grants

**Cores**

The John A. Burns School of Medicine is committed to the support and enhancement of crucial cores to encourage research. The preeminent goal of a core is to provide excellent service to a growing cadre of investigators from an enlarging circle of departments and institutions. Cores aim to maintain growth and enhance sustainability of core services. Most cores have three primary goals: service, teaching, and creation of new knowledge. Each core provides access to the latest techniques required by investigators to support hypothesis-driven research. Cores develop and implement training and education workshops. Cores also develop innovative and improved techniques, new technologies or applications of expertise in its field. By centralizing services and resources within cores, researchers are more efficiently served and the use of equipment is maximized. Through the triad of service, education, and innovation, cores support investigators at the university and the wider research community in conducting research that seeks to gain new knowledge about diseases and facilitate translation.

**Cores located at Kaka'ako**

**ABSL-3/BSL-3 Biocontainment Core**

The Pacific Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases Research provides an ABSL-3/BSL-3 Biocontainment Core. Research on microbial agents, which cause lethal diseases in humans and for which effective drugs or preventive vaccines are not available, must be conducted by well-trained investigators in specially built, well-maintained laboratories. The BSL-3/ABSL-3 Biocontainment Core encourages investigators at the university and the wider research community.

**Contact:** Vivek R. Nerurkar, PhD | [nerurkar@hawaii.edu](mailto:nerurkar@hawaii.edu) | (808) 692-1567  
**Website:** <http://pceidr.jabsom.hawaii.edu> - Biocontainment

**Bioinformatics Core**

The Bioinformatics Core is to provide a high-level expertise in bioinformatics, ensuring the support needed to design, conduct, analyze, and interpret results requiring or facilitated by informatics applications. Bioinformatics support will be integrated into all phases of basic, clinical and translational research through a coordinated program of quantitative health sciences consultation and analysis.

**Contact:** John Chen, PhD | [John.chen@hawaii.edu](mailto:John.chen@hawaii.edu) | (808) 692-1814  
**Website:** <http://biostat.jabsom.hawaii.edu>

<https://jabsom.hawaii.edu/cores-infrastructure-grants/>



<https://jabsom.hawaii.edu/trainees-in-research/masters-phds-trainees/>



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Health Sciences Library

# Orientation Web Sites

- <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/new-graduate-student-orientation-2023/>
- <https://jabsom.hawaii.edu/trainees-in-research/masters-phds-trainees/>
- <https://jabsom.hawaii.edu/ed-programs/masters-phd/campus-info-resources/>
- [https://hslib.jabsom.hawaii.edu/grad\\_resources](https://hslib.jabsom.hawaii.edu/grad_resources)
- <https://jabsom.hawaii.edu/jabsomresources-coronavirus/>



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## Graduate Student Organization

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The purpose of the [Graduate Student Organization](#) (GSO) is “to provide classified graduate students, through the graduate programs, with official representation at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa” (Constitution of the GSO). Its primary functions are:

- To provide input on policies affecting graduate students,
- To act as an advisory body to the Graduate Dean,
- To recommend graduate student representatives for service on campus-wide committees, and

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fulbright Webinar: Arts  
Polishing Application  
Webinar**

August 26 @ 8:00 am -  
9:00 am HST

**Fulbright Webinar:**

<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/graduate-student-organization/>

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### Fall 2022 (Updated 8.16.2022)

The CSDC offers support to UH Mānoa students to assist with mental health, personal, or academic concerns. Our approach is encouraging, collaborative, goal focused and culturally sensitive. We provide support to develop more personal awareness and skills to cope with challenges and achieve personal and academic goals.

We offer a variety of services to students, including short term personal counseling, couples and career counseling, workshops, support groups, and peer fellow services. During the Fall 2022 semester, our office will continue to deliver primarily remote services, using video and/or phone. While this changes the way many of our services look, we remain committed to supporting and helping students address their mental health and well-being.

In most cases, services at the CSDC begin with a phone screen. This is a brief call with one of our mental health counselors to assess and recommend next steps to support students with mental health and well-being concerns.

### CSDC Hours and Availability

The CSDC is currently open during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). In order to prevent the spread of infection, the CSDC also encourages students who are sick or not feeling well to avoid coming into the CSDC for services. Rather, students are encouraged to contact the CSDC by phone and our staff will help them arrange for appropriate services if they are unable to come in. Students who need to come in person to the CSDC office will be asked to comply with UH regulations regarding on-campus contact. Please see our [Guidelines for Visiting CSDC](#).

<http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/counseling/>

# Thank you! Questions?

