

Vacation, holiday, and sick time allowed for Predoctorals and Premasters in the Biomedical Science Program

Vacation for first year Predoctorals and Premasters in the Biomedical Science Program is limited to two distinct times during the academic year. The first is the time between the last day of classes of the fall semester and the first day of classes of the spring semester (traditionally known as the "Holiday Break"). The second vacation period is the entire week of Spring Break as defined by the official UT academic calendar.

Starting the day following the last day of classes of the spring semester of their first year, students will be expected to be in laboratory rotations, or have started to work in the laboratory of their selected major advisor.

Predocutorial and Premasters after their first year in the Biomedical Science Program will be entitled to 3 weeks of vacation per calendar year, while on stipend. This time is to be arranged in advance with the major advisor. If additional time off is required, this is to be arranged with the major advisor and the Associate Dean of COMLS Graduate Programs and the student's stipend will be withheld accordingly.

Major single-day holidays that employees have off are also extended to graduate students (Christmas, New Year, Independence Day and Thanksgiving).

Sick days - notification to the major advisor by the student who is sick is mandatory at the start of the day that the student will not be in to the lab. If the student remains ill at home for more than 3 days, then a Doctor's note is required.

Students may not "bank" vacation days from one year to the next, or holidays for future use.