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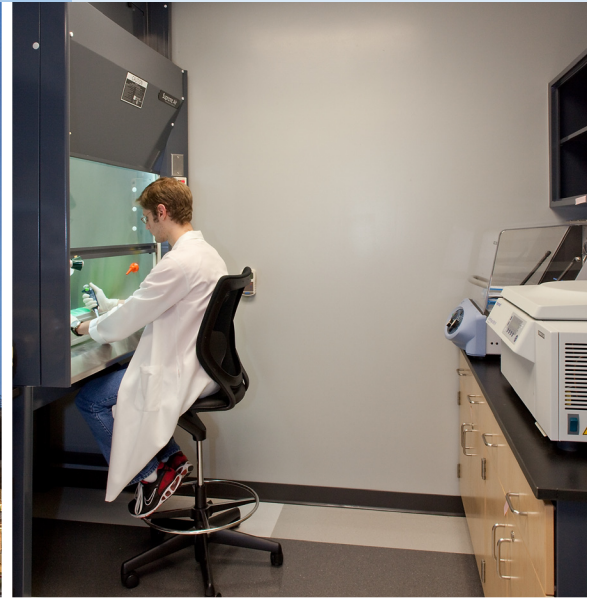
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The University of Texas

Health Science Center at Houston / Behavioral and Biomedical Sciences Building

Recognized as an international leader in health sciences research and education, The University of Texas understands that their growing reputation and continued ability to attract the finest researchers depends on the availability of world-class facilities dedicated to new discoveries in medicine. Locating the planned 485,000-sq.-ft., multi-building complex on a 7.5-acre corner parcel of the larger 100-acre Research Park Campus adjacent to the Texas Medical Center provides the University with adequate space for three major programs — neurosciences, behavioral and biomedical sciences, and dental research and education — to come together for increased interaction and optimal

sharing of information and knowledge.

The first building to be completed in new Research Park Complex (RPC), The University of Texas Health Science Center, Behavioral and Biomedical Sciences Building (BBSB), designed by WHR Architects of Houston, brings together faculty and students working in the behavioral and psychiatric sciences, health informatics, and stem cell research. The \$74M, 153,000-sq.-ft., six-story facility includes a state-of-the-art regenerative medicine program as well as clinical research programs in psychiatry and outpatient clinics offering assessments and specialized care for patients with autism, mood and anxiety disorders, alcohol and substance use problems, and other psychiatric disorders. The BBSB is also connected on four floors

to the RPC's replacement Dental Branch Building, which is currently under construction, creating an easy connection to the Dental Branch research labs and providing long-term flexibility for changing space assignments.

Since both of the co-located disciplines — neurosciences with behavioral research and biology research with neurosciences — involve interdisciplinary research, a system of open labs, wet and dry, with shared core support space serves the two. Although combined into one building for reasons of research commonalities and economics, the neurosciences and BBS programs have separate entrances to maintain their respective identities and to separate patients and researchers. [CPM](#)

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