

Come Join the Education Team as a Facilitator for M1 and/or M2 Medical Students!!

USE THE FOLLOWING LINK TO VIEW THE AY2526 ACADEMIC CALENDAR: [HTTPS://WWW.UTMB.EDU/SOM/ACADEMIC-CALENDAR](https://www.utmb.edu/som/academic-calendar)

Problem-Based Learning (PBL)

PBL is a student-centered teaching method that uses clinical cases to help students develop critical thinking and clinical reasoning skills. PBL groups include one faculty facilitator and 8-11 students. You will foster an environment for students to independently identify their learning needs, improve differential diagnoses, problem-solving abilities, and lifelong learning. PBL groups meet 2-3 times weekly for 2 hours, from 10 am - noon or 1 – 3 pm, depending on the course and year. **Facilitators DO NOT need to be subject matter experts and do not lecture!!** Anyone with a PhD, MD, or DO is encouraged to sign up.

Small Group Facilitation (Doctoring & Clinical Skills 1 and 2)

These groups are run by clinical faculty (MD/DO), where you will facilitate practice sessions for students (sometimes with standardized patients) to learn physical examination skills, oral presentation and interview skills, as well as discuss ethical, professional, and scientific issues in healthcare. These two-hour small group sessions occur up to 11-12 times over the academic year.

What's new this year?

- **Facilitator Training:** All facilitators must complete updated training to align with JSSOM objectives.
- **Small Groups:** Clinical courses are now part of the longitudinal DoCS curriculum.
 - DoCS MS1 begins 8/11/2025; DoCS MS2 begins 7/14/2025.
- **PBL:** MS1 PBL starts 10/27/2025; MS2 PBL starts 7/21/2025.
- **RFE:** Offered twice in AY 25/26 (Years 1 and 2), faculty may participate in one or both.

Compensation:

Compensation is 0.05 tFTE (or 5% of your salary) inclusive of all PBL/Small group sessions for all courses. Please see the table below for specific information on PBL /small group dates for each course.

Faculty Development Facilitator Workshops

<https://som.utmb.edu/som-educational-affairs/oed/faculty-development/facilitator-training-workshops>

Process for signing up:

February 17-March 31, 2025	Initial Recruitment Phase- faculty indicate desired courses/activity (see link below).
April 2, 2025	Begin confirmation of all slots.
May 1, 2025	All teaching slots for Academic Year 2025-26 must be confirmed.

USE THE FOLLOWING LINK TO SIGN-UP: <https://www.utmb.edu/meded/facultyPortal.asp>

DO NOT contact the course coordinator or course director to sign up! *If you cannot facilitate a full group and would like to share a group with another faculty, please indicate your preference for a full or shared slot in the portal, and in the notes indicate with whom you would like to share with.*

IMC Faculty PBL/Small Group Options for Academic Year 2025-2026

YEAR 1 COURSES	Dates/Times	tFTE	Maximum slots
Doctoring & Clinical Skills 1 <i>(Formerly POM 1)</i> (Faculty MD or DO only)	Aug. 11, 2025-July 10, 2026 2-hour small group sessions can occur up to 11-12 times over the academic year	0.05	28
Molecules, Cells and Tissues <i>(No classes 11.24-11.28)</i>	Oct. 27, 2025-Dec. 19, 2025 MWF (10AM-noon)	0.05	28
Pathobiology and Host Defenses	Jan. 5, 2026-Feb. 27, 2026 MWF (10AM-noon)	0.05	28
Derm/Heme/Musculoskeletal	Mar. 2, 2026-Apr. 3, 2026 MWF (10AM-noon)	0.05	28
Neuroscience and Human Behavior	Apr. 13, 2026-May 29, 2026 MWF (10AM-noon)	0.05	28
Renal/ Fluids/ Electrolytes (Year 1)	Jun. 1, 2026-July 10, 2026 MWF (10AM-noon)	0.05	28
YEAR 2 COURSES	Dates/Times	tFTE	Maximum slots
Doctoring & Clinical Skills 2 <i>(Formerly POM2)</i> (Faculty MD or DO only)	July 14, 2025-Feb. 20, 2026 2-hour small group sessions can occur up to 11-12 times over the academic year	0.05	28
Renal/ Fluids/ Electrolytes (Year 2)	July 21, 2025-Aug. 29, 2025 MWF (1-3PM)	0.05	28
Cardiovascular/Pulmonary <i>(6 weeks PBL)</i>	Sep. 1, 2025-Oct. 24, 2025 MWF (1-3PM)	0.05	28
Gastrointestinal/ Nutrition <i>(No classes 11.24-11.28)</i>	Nov. 3, 2025-Dec. 19, 2025 MWF (1-3PM)	0.05	28
Endocrinology/Reproduction	Jan. 5, 2026-Feb. 20, 2026 MWF (1-3PM)	0.05	28

Thank you for your commitment to the educational vision of the JSSOM. The Policy for Facilitator duties and Responsibilities can be located on the JSSOM Key Policies and Documents website at <https://www.utmb.edu/som/home/policies-key-docs>. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Lisa Elferink at laelferi@utmb.edu or Jennifer Earl at jsfaircl@utmb.edu.