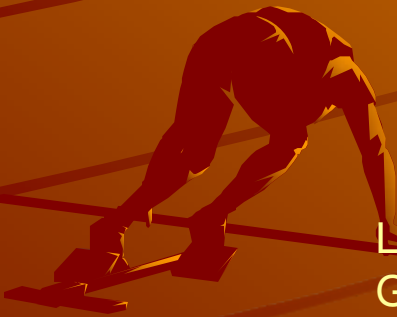


# New Graduate Student Survival Guide

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# Before Arriving

Take care of the following before classes start (it will relieve much stress)

- Plan financially - Financial aid is available. If you are interested, or have questions/concerns, call (210)-567-2635 (HSC financial aid office). If your start date is August 1<sup>st</sup>, you will receive your first paycheck on September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Immunizations - Find and submit records, update vaccinations.  
[http://studentservices.uthscsa.edu/HC\\_immunizations.aspx](http://studentservices.uthscsa.edu/HC_immunizations.aspx)
- International Students - Office of International Services website is <http://www.uthscsa.edu/ois/> or call (210) 567-6241
- Out of State/International Students - to get a Texas ID card or Driver's license. Texas Department of Public Safety <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/>



# Before Arriving

Find housing - There are several apartment complexes and neighborhoods near the Health Science Center

## ◆ Apartments

- List of apartments within walking distance of the Health Science Center [http://studentservices.uthscsa.edu/SL\\_Services.aspx](http://studentservices.uthscsa.edu/SL_Services.aspx)
- Medical Center area apartments [www.tenantmarket.com](http://www.tenantmarket.com), [www.mynewplace.com](http://www.mynewplace.com), [www.apartmentratings.com](http://www.apartmentratings.com), [www.rent.com](http://www.rent.com). We have provided a list of our favorites in this packet, as well.

## ◆ Houses

- We suggest using a free locator, or real estate agent if looking to rent or buy a home

# Medical Center Apartments

The Villas of St. Moritz  
7221 Lamb Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78240

Fountainhead Apartments  
4400 Horizon Hill Boulevard  
San Antonio, TX 78229

Park Hill  
9939 Fredericksburg Road  
San Antonio, TX 78240

Las Cimas  
8331 Fredericksburg Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78229

Mesa Ridge  
4900 USAA Boulevard  
San Antonio, TX 78240

Songbird  
7677 Callaghan Road  
San Antonio, TX 78229

Promontory Pointe Apartments  
4114 Medical Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78229

Whispering Creek Villas  
5303 Hamilton Wolfe Road  
San Antonio, TX 78229

Villas at Medical Center  
5623 Hamilton Wolfe Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78240

Sundance Apartments  
4615 Gardendale  
San Antonio, TX 78240

Windridge  
2502 Babcock Road  
San Antonio, TX 78229



# Transportation

- ✦ Many people own cars and commute to the HSC every day. If you are interested in driving and need a Texas license, visit <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/>
- ✦ If you drive to the HSC, you will need to purchase a parking permit during orientation [www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Index.htm](http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Index.htm)
- ✦ Public transportation- for city bus routes, visit <http://www.viainfo.net/>
  - Several bus routes run to UTHSCSA

# Upon Arrival

- ✦ Get to know people! Talk to mentors, peer advisors, and students in your program
  - Attend GSA meetings!
  - Get to know peer advisors. They have volunteered to be your guide during your first year. <http://studentservices.uthscsa.edu/studentLife.aspx>
  - Find study partners
  - Make time for fun and relaxation
  - Questions? Ask someone (GSA officers, peer advisors, veteran grad students, mentors). Link to Grad School FAQ's: <http://64.233.167.104/search?q=cache:zSulCSRVTUVJ:gradschool.toolbox.net/students/faq/prospective+List+of+apartments+near+UTHscsa&hl=en&ct=clnk&cd=4&gl=us&client=firefox-a>



# Restaurants and Hangouts

Freebird's  
Huebner Rd.  
11224 Huebner Rd.  
Suite 101  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
Phone: 210-877-9606

HuHot Mongolian Grill  
12710 IH 10 W Suite 100  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 641-1288  
(Exit De Zavala)

Rome's Pizza  
5999 De Zavala Drive  
Post Office Center  
San Antonio, TX 78249

Wasabi Sushi Bistro  
9921 IH10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
210-877-2300  
(near The Colonnade at Wurzbach)

Golden Wok  
[www.golden-wok.com](http://www.golden-wok.com)  
8822 Wurzbach and I-10

Thai Topaz  
9386 Huebner Road Ste 101

Cha Cha's  
2026 Babcock Rd

Samurai Sushi  
[www.mysamuraisushi.com](http://www.mysamuraisushi.com)  
2320 Babcock Rd

Applebee's  
8224 Fredericksburg Rd

India Palace  
8440 Fredericksburg Rd

The Old SmokeHouse  
5145 Fredericksburg Rd

# Restaurants and Hangouts

The Flying Saucer

[www.beerknurd.com](http://www.beerknurd.com)

11255 Huebner Rd. #212

Fox and Hound Pub and Grille

[www.totent.com](http://www.totent.com)

12651 Vance Jackson Rd # 110

Cool Cafe

12651 Vance Jackson Rd

Shisha Café

5500 Babcock Rd. #101

San Antonio, TX 78240

Espana Bar de Tapas

5638 Hausman Rd Ste 105

San Antonio, TX 78249

Sam's Burger Joint

330 E Grayson St.

San Antonio, Texas 78215

# Shopping

## ◆ Shopping Centers

- The Shops at La Cantera
- The Rim / I-10W past Loop 1604
- Northstar Mall / Loop 410 & San Pedro
- Huebner Oaks Shopping Center / I-10W past Huebner Rd.

## ◆ Grocery

- HEB stores / Wurzbach & I-10W; Babcock & Huebner; I-10W & De Zavala
- Sun Harvest / Callaghan & I-10W

## ◆ All purpose

- Wal-Mart / I-10 & de Zavala
- Target stores / Crossroads center / Loop410 & Fredericksburg Rd.; I-10W & de Zavala

# Things to Do

- ◆ Sea World <http://www.seaworld.com/sanantonio/>
- ◆ Six Flags Fiesta Texas <http://www.sixflags.com/national/index.aspx>
- ◆ Downtown San Antonio
  - River Walk <http://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com/>
  - The Alamo <http://jman5.com/alamocam.htm>
  - Spanish Mission tour <http://www.lsjunction.com/facts/missions.htm>
- ◆ Japanese Tea Garden <http://safriendsoftheparks.org/japanese.htm>
- ◆ Brackenridge Park <http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapar/histories.asp>

# More Things to Do

- ◆ San Antonio Zoo <http://www.sazoo-aq.org/>
- ◆ First Friday [www.southtown.net](http://www.southtown.net)
- ◆ Museums- Witte, SAMA, McNay  
<http://sanantonio.about.com/od/museumsandgalleries/tp/topmuseums.htm>
- ◆ Sports
  - San Antonio Spurs <http://www.nba.com/spurs/>
  - Missions Baseball  
<http://sanantonio.missions.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t510>
- ◆ And much, much more...[www.sanantonio.com](http://www.sanantonio.com)

