

Pierre McCrea, Ph.D.

# Investing in the future

"Graduate students bring valued perspectives that can lead to breakthroughs," says Pierre McCrea, Ph.D., professor of Genetics at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. After decades of working with students, in 2018 Dr. McCrea designated a gift of retirement assets to the Graduate School of Biological Science (GSBS) to support graduate education and research, something he considers vital to our mission of Making Cancer History®.

"What I have found invigorating is the extent to which our graduate students have been selflessly advising each other and forging onward in this new age of COVID-19," he says. "GSBS was quick to put its formal classes online, and Ph.D. defenses have never been more well attended! We may well decide to include www-based participation alongside the in-person Ph.D. defenses."

We are grateful for Dr. McCrea's commitment to our core values of caring, integrity and discovery as he continues to complete his own research and invest in the students of tomorrow.

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## Together in a COVID-19 world

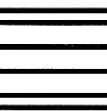
We salute our medical community colleagues who have been on the front lines in the fight against COVID-19. Our hearts go out to all who have suffered tragic losses and to those who are suffering now. Like you, we have changed our routines in ways designed to protect us all, and we are confident that, working together, we will overcome the virus. We wish you good health in the days ahead.

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