

University of Houston System Board of Regents

Introduction

Organization: University of Houston

Type of Appointment: Appointment
Name: Dr. Arash Bashirullah
To Title: Dean, College of Pharmacy
Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Biographical Sketch:

Arash Bashirullah, Ph.D., was named Dean of the University of Houston College of Pharmacy by UH President & UH System Chancellor Renu Khator in October 2025 and confirmed by the UH System Board of Regents in November 2025.

Bashirullah joined UHCOP from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy, where he served as a professor and associate dean for research and graduate education. He also served as executive director of the school's Lachman Institute for Pharmaceutical Development. At UW-Madison, he served on multiple university wide committees and task forces, and earned numerous honors, including Teacher of the Year on three occasions. He also has been recognized as a Kavli Fellow by the National Academy of Sciences.

Bashirullah's research explores the regulation of hormonal signaling and, more recently, the mechanisms of intracellular lipid trafficking and their connection to neurodegenerative diseases. His work has been published in leading international journals and featured at scientific meetings and conferences around the world. He also serves as the senior advisory editor for Genetics, the flagship journal of the Genetics Society of America.

Before joining UW-Madison, Bashirullah completed postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Utah and Yale University. He holds a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from the University of Winnipeg and a doctorate in biology from the California Institute of Technology.