

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:

Pending approval by the University of Houston System Board of Regents, Dr. Arash Bashirullah will become dean of the University of Houston College of Pharmacy, one of UH's oldest colleges and among Texas' first pharmacy schools. He is expected to assume the role on January 1, 2026.

Dr. Bashirullah currently serves as professor and associate dean for research and graduate education at the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Pharmacy, where he also directs the Lachman Institute for Pharmaceutical Development. An accomplished educator and researcher, he has earned numerous honors, including three Teacher of the Year awards and recognition as a Kavli Fellow by the National Academy of Sciences.

His research focuses on the regulation of hormonal signaling and the mechanisms of intracellular lipid trafficking, with implications for neurodegenerative diseases. His work has been widely published in leading scientific journals and presented internationally. He also serves as senior advisory editor for *Genetics*, the flagship journal of the Genetics Society of America.

Before joining UW–Madison, Dr. Bashirullah completed postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Utah and Yale University. He earned a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Winnipeg and a Ph.D. in Biology from the California Institute of Technology.

Dr. Bashirullah will succeed F. Lamar Pritchard, who has led the college since 2009 and will continue to serve on the faculty.