Objectives:

1. Distinguish the roles and responsibilities of principal investigators, administrators, and the UMMC Biobank
2. Distinguish the types of samples available, timelines for acquisition and additional services and fees
3. Demonstrate how to submit a request for samples
4. Identify the benefits of using the UMMC Biobank for population health studies

Having extensive training in neuroscience and clinical health science with 18+ years of experience and strong leadership skills to make discoveries as a biologist, Dr. Gouri Mahajan leads efforts on University of Mississippi Medical Center’s biobank and its research program—Biobank Mississippi Project as Principal Investigator. In collaboration with The Mayo Clinic, this precision medicine research initiative at UMMC aims to collect biospecimens and health information from 10,000 interested participants, ready for use by researchers for future translational research. Dr. Mahajan has authored and co-authored 14 peer reviewed scientific publications and has done numerous presentations at local, National and International scientific conferences. Dr. Mahajan has been inducted to Alpha Eta National Honor Society for Allied Health and to Phi Kappa Phi, Highest Honor Society for Academic Excellence. Dr. Mahajan received Young Scientist Excellence Award for her research in genomics from The Midsouth Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Society (MCBIOS). During the Annual Conference of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHIP), Dr. Mahajan won the 2016 Lee Holder Award for Excellence in Graduate Allied Health Education.