A MESSAGE FROM THE DEANS

Discovering facts, creating knowledge and exploring new forms of human expression: that is graduate study in the College of Arts and Sciences at The University of Alabama. Whether graduate study takes place in one of our state-of-the-art laboratories in Shelby Hall, in the acclaimed Concert Hall of the Moody Music Building, or in our speech and hearing or psychology clinics, the extent of creativity and discovery is reaching new heights.

As a comprehensive institution, The University of Alabama is a leader in benchmarks of quality such as number and quality of research proposals; patent applications; quality of faculty hired, particularly in endowed positions; reviewed research publications; performances and exhibitions; and invited presentations.

The most significant aspect of the University and the College’s research and scholarly activity is the funding available to graduate students. It provides monthly stipends for students as well as payment of tuition, insurance and fees.

In addition, the Graduate School and the College of Arts and Sciences annually support most of the College’s graduate students by helping fund thesis and dissertation research and travel expenses associated with presenting scholarly work at meetings.

We hope you will join the College’s nationally recognized faculty as a graduate student at The University of Alabama.

Sincerely,

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Graduate Recruiting Expo
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**What is the Graduate Recruiting Expo?**
The Graduate Recruiting Expo (GREX) is looking for highly motivated, high achieving prospective students for graduate programs in The University of Alabama College of Arts and Sciences. You are invited to come to the UA campus for an overview of your graduate future at UA. You’ll learn about degrees offered; visit with current graduate students and faculty in your department of interest; receive application information; discuss research, creative and scholarly opportunities; identify funding sources; and tour the campus and academic departments. To be considered for Graduate Recruiting Expo, you must submit a complete application for one of UA’s graduate programs through the UA Graduate School website (www.graduate.ua.edu).

**Who can attend?**
The College of Arts and Sciences seeks diversity in all its academic programs and to make the opportunity for graduate study available to any individual with the desire and ability to undertake graduate work. The Graduate Recruiting Expo is open to all college seniors who plan to start graduate school in fall 2016. Women and students of underrepresented groups interested in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines are especially encouraged to participate in this great opportunity. Food, lodging and up to $500 in travel expenses will be paid for students selected for the Graduate Recruiting Expo.

**Graduate Recruiting Expo Schedule**
You will receive a detailed agenda at registration and check-in.

**Thursday, February 25, 2016**  
Evening: Registration and welcome gathering

**Friday, February 26, 2016**  
Morning session: Welcome by UA administrators, campus tour and panel of current graduate students  
Afternoon session: Department events, including tours and meetings with faculty and current graduate students  
Evening: Dinner

**Saturday, February 27, 2016**  
Morning: Conclusion

**Graduate Student Spotlight**
Ashley Jolly, a doctoral student studying organic chemistry in UA’s Department of Chemistry, was one of approximately 75 graduate students who presented at a national symposium hosted by the American Chemical Society in 2014.

**About the College of Arts and Sciences**
The College of Arts and Sciences is Alabama’s largest and most recognized public liberal arts college and has received national recognition for academic excellence. The College is the largest of the University’s 12 academic divisions, with approximately 8,500 undergraduate students and 1,100 graduate students in 22 academic departments.

Graduate studies are supported by a wide range of research, performance, artistic and clinical facilities that serve the needs of area communities and improve quality of life in Alabama while providing excellent venues for graduate research and professional practice.

- **The Department of Geological Sciences** has active field research on all continents, and our award-winning faculty train leaders in energy, water resources, and a wide range of fundamental geology topics.

- **The Department of Biological Sciences** has active research programs ranging from ecosystem analysis to evolutionary process to the molecular basis of diseases and has notable alumni with excellent research training at UA, including Pulitzer Prize-winning scientist Edward O. Wilson. Research teams publish regularly in top journals, and many collaborative projects are available for new graduate students.

- **The Department of Chemistry** has a highly active research effort with 25 full-time faculty and 90 graduate students. Department research covers all areas of chemistry, including interdiscipliary research in materials, alternative energy, public health, and sustainability.

- **The Department of Physics and Astronomy** has 29 full-time faculty engaged in experimental and theoretical research in a broad range of areas: the electronic and magnetic properties of matter, particle physics, particle astrophysics, and extragalactic astronomy.

- **The master's degree in the Department of Geography** prepares students for further academic study and for careers with government and non-governmental agencies, private industry, and in teaching. In the last three years, our graduate students have published more than 20 scholarly journal articles, made more than 45 professional presentations, and won three Graduate Council Fellowships among other awards.

- **The Department of Mathematics** is a close-knit group with 28 full-time faculty and 32 funded students. There are strong research groups in harmonic and functional analysis and in applied and computational mathematics, and active research in algebra, topology, and math education. Three faculty members have NSF funding, and the department provides ample support for graduate student research and travel.

**Of the 37,000 students at UA**
- 3 percent are international students from 62 countries  
- 12 percent are African American  
- 4 percent are Hispanic American  
- 2 percent are Asian American  
- 55 percent are women  
- 51 percent come from states other than Alabama

**Featured Departments**
The College of Arts and Sciences consists of three divisions: humanities and fine arts; social sciences; and natural sciences and mathematics. All departments within these divisions are invited to participate. Special focus will be given to the departments of biological sciences, chemistry, geography, geological sciences, mathematics, and physics and astronomy.