

GRADUATE SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

Career Day

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Career Day 2001 will be held Saturday, March 24th, and is sponsored by the UAB Industry Roundtable, the Graduate School, the Graduate Student Association, and the Office of Postdoctoral Education.



The format this year will be similar to last year's. There will be panel discussion groups in the morning, followed by lunch and smaller more interactive group discussions in the afternoon. The largest panel, focusing on careers within the federal government, includes a legislative science fellow, a scientist from the F.B.I., a patent examiner, and possibly a scientist from a regulatory agency. The second planned panel will discuss different opportunities for Ph.D.s that have gone on to earn their MBA or have moved to a business-management type of career without an additional degree. The third panel will not have a specific focus but will include a person from the investment management industry, a patent law firm, and an editor.

In the afternoon there will be concurrent smaller group sessions. These will be to further facilitate discussion between the audience and speakers. We hope to at least cover subjects including women in science, the pros and cons of being an industry scientist, successfully writing grants as a new professor, and starting a business.

Registration as a one-hour class will be required for participation. The call number will be 5350, and the workshop will be listed under Graduate School in the Spring Schedule as Career Development Workshop (GRD 710-WN). For further information contact Andy Crouse at acrouse@uab.edu



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Graduate School Calendar: April-June 2001

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MPH, MSPH, DRPH, and MSN students:
Check with your Graduate Program Directors for other deadlines, which differ from those of the Graduate School.

March 21: Deadline to Change Residency for Spring Term

April 6: Deadline to Apply for Degree

April 7: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Writing Professionally

April 27: Last Day for Final (Public) Defense

May 7: Deadline for approval version of thesis to Graduate School

May 25: Final papers due for Spring Plan II master's students

June 10: Diploma Date

Spring Term Professional Development Classes

English as a Second Language (Wed 6-9 p.m., GRD 722-03).

Specialized Instruction (individual meetings, GRD 704).

Writing Professionally (April 14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., GRD 706-WN).

See the UAB Class Schedule, visit the GRD web site (www.uab.edu/profdev), or contact Dr. Julia Austin at 975-6539 or jaustin@uab.edu for more details.

Thesis and Dissertation News: Every page in a thesis or dissertation is counted, and almost all the pages must bear the appropriate page number. However, three types of pages do not bear a page number: (a) the title page, preprint or reprint title pages, and appendix title pages; (b) copyright pages, which are only used if the student is applying for copyright on unpublished material; and (c) figure pages that are printed on photo-quality paper. All other types of pages must bear the appropriate page number at the correct place, as shown on the Typing Guide Sheet.



Call for Abstracts

It's spring again, and that means your chance to win money! Many UAB graduate students know about Graduate Student Research Day, but some of them don't realize that all the winners receive cash awards.

This year, the award for first place is \$200. Second and third place winners will receive \$150 and \$100, respectively. These awards are given in each section, and last year there were seven sections. So, if a comparable number of students participate this year, the sponsors of Research Day will be handing out over \$2,500 in cash awards.

UAB has many graduate students in the life sciences, but virtually all UAB graduate students are eligible to compete. You might be in English and pursuing the historical significance of a text, in psychology and studying neural pathways, or in microbiology and studying B cell signaling. The competition is split into groups of similar interests, which means that if you're in art history, you won't be presenting your research in a session with engineers or biochemists.

The requirements for participating are quite simple and can be found online at www.uab.edu/graduate/researchday

This year's sponsors are the Graduate School, Sigma Xi (The Scientific Research Society), and the Graduate Student Association. The 2001 competition will be held in the Hill University Center-Great Hall on Friday, April 20, 2001.

Graduate Study Committees

One of the first steps toward finishing a graduate degree is assembling the people who will direct and oversee the completion of your degree. To serve on a Graduate Study Committee, members must have UAB graduate faculty status. You can find a list of many graduate faculty members in the Graduate School's online catalog.

To request that a person-UAB faculty or not-be appointed to graduate faculty, the appropriate Graduate Program Director should send a letter of appointment and a current curriculum vita to Dean Lorden at the Graduate School (HUC 511, ZIP 1150). For UAB faculty and for medical school and hospital staff, such letters should be accompanied by a Faculty Data Form (available online). Once the committee is approved, changes must also be approved by the Graduate Dean.

For more on completing a graduate degree, see Requirements for the Master's or Doctoral Degree, in the General Information section of the Graduate Catalog.

April Registration for Fall 2001
Talk about thinking ahead! With UAB moving to a semester system in Fall 2001, early registration for that term is being offered April 16-May 4th. Students do not have to register at this time, but if they want to get into their classes they should register early. Registration for fall semester will begin again July 30th-August 21st.

Change in Admission to Candidacy Forms

Two new "yes or no" check boxes appear on the UAB Admission to Candidacy form. One is to indicate review by the Institutional Review Board for Human Use (IRB), and the other is to indicate review by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

All student research involving humans or animals must be reviewed by the appropriate oversight board. Students should contact the IRB or IACUC if they have questions about whether their project requires such oversight. Remember, though, when talking with the staff in these offices, that they have literally thousands of projects to oversee. They may not be able to answer your questions right away, but they will take your name and number (or email address) and get back with you.

The time requirements for admission to candidacy remain the same until Fall 2001: Doctoral students should be admitted to candidacy at least 3 terms before the expected date of graduation. Master's students should be admitted at least 1 term before graduation. Beginning in Fall 2001, doctoral students should have 2 semesters of candidacy. Master's students will still need only 1 semester of candidacy.

The new Admission to Candidacy form, like all forms for the Graduate School, can be found on our web site: www.uab.edu/graduate

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