

The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Graduate School

Graduate Program Directors and Staff Retreat September 9, 2016

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**UAB Graduate Program Directors and Staff Retreat
Friday, September 9, 2016
UAB Alumni House**

Breakfast and Registration (8:00-8:30 AM)

Graduate School Initiatives (8:30-9:30 AM)

- *Lori McMahon (Dean, Graduate School)*
- *Holly Hebard (Director of Student and Academic Services, Graduate School)*

Small Group Discussions on Recruitment Strategies (9:30-10:15 AM)

Break (10:15-10:30 AM)

Graduate Student Issues (10:30-11:30 AM)

- *Allison Solomon (Director, Disability Support Services)*
- *Emily Feinstein (Director & Title IX Deputy, Student Life)*

Program Specific Content (11:30-12:00 PM)

- *Work on e-mail Responses to Applicants*

Lunch and Presentation from Paulette Dilworth, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (12:00-1:00 PM)

“Know Thyself” (1:00-2:15 PM)

- *Lori McMahon (Dean, Graduate School)*
- *Discussion*

Break (2:15-2:30 PM)

INTO (2:30-3:00 PM)

- *Suzanne Austin (Senior Vice Provost)*
- *Gregg Janowski (Associate Provost for Assessment and Accreditation)*

Program Outcomes (3:00-3:30 PM)

- *Molly Wasko (Chair, Dept. of Management, Information Systems & Quantitative Methods)*

3MT[®] and Discoveries in the Making Presentation (3:30-4:00 PM)

- *Lori McMahon (Dean, Graduate School)*
- *Jami Armbruster (Career Development, Graduate School)*
- *Jonathan Amsbary (Professor and Graduate Program Director, Department of Communication Studies)*

Closing Reception (4:00-5:00 PM)

The Graduate School

Graduate Student Services

Professional Development Program

Graduate Biomedical Sciences

Office of Postdoctoral Education



Leadership

Graduate School Leadership



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Mission

*“Inspiring minds today
to transform the future”*

Vision

*“Improving lives globally through
the accomplishments of our
scholars”*

The Numbers...

- 40 Doctoral and 55 Masters
Research based
Practice based
Professional
- Carnegie Classification-Very High Research Activity
- Total Graduate Enrollment: 5635 (Fall 2016)
Highest Graduate Enrollment in Alabama

Spring 2016 Graduation:

Doctoral: 56

Masters: 488

Summer 2016 Graduation:

Doctoral: 54

Masters: 353



New Initiatives

- **Website Improvement**
- **New Campus Wide Recruitment Strategies**
- **Changes to Graduate Faculty Status**
- **GRE waived for Masters Programs**
- **Application fee for doctoral programs**
- **T32 Preparation**
- **Target X-CRM**
- **GPS for Graduate Students**
- **Program Handbook Review**
- **Program Directors School-spring 2017**
- **Expanded training in Responsible Conduct in Research (RCR)**
- **Mentoring & Leadership Certificate-2016**
- **Research Communication Certificate-2017**

Funding for 1st Year Fellowships

- Current year for Health Sciences
 - GBS, Health Professions, Public Health, Nursing, Optometry
\$3,695,234
- Funding for College of Arts and Science, Engineering, and Education
 - CAS – \$1.7 million
 - ENG - \$745,000
 - EDU - \$50, 000
- Total: approx. \$6M

Graduate Faculty Status

January 1, 2017

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Graduate Faculty Level I Graduate Faculty membership is an extension of an individual's basic UAB academic appointments. In other words, all individuals appointed to faculty positions in UAB departments are eligible for appointment to the Graduate Faculty. To qualify for basic Graduate Faculty membership, an individual must hold a terminal degree in his or her field, and must hold a UAB faculty appointment or be a Scientist 1-4 with a terminal degree.

Graduate Faculty Level II is reserved for individuals who serve as graduate student mentors and/or chair graduate student committees. Such individuals must have expertise to support the training of graduate students and have demonstrated excellence and activity within their field. These individuals must have evidence of training and mentorship (new members will be expected to obtain training through the Graduate School).

Professional Development

Seminars, Workshops, and Courses



Professional Development Program



Kellie Carter, Ph.D.

*Director of Mentoring and Leadership
Certificate Program*

Director of Professional Development Program

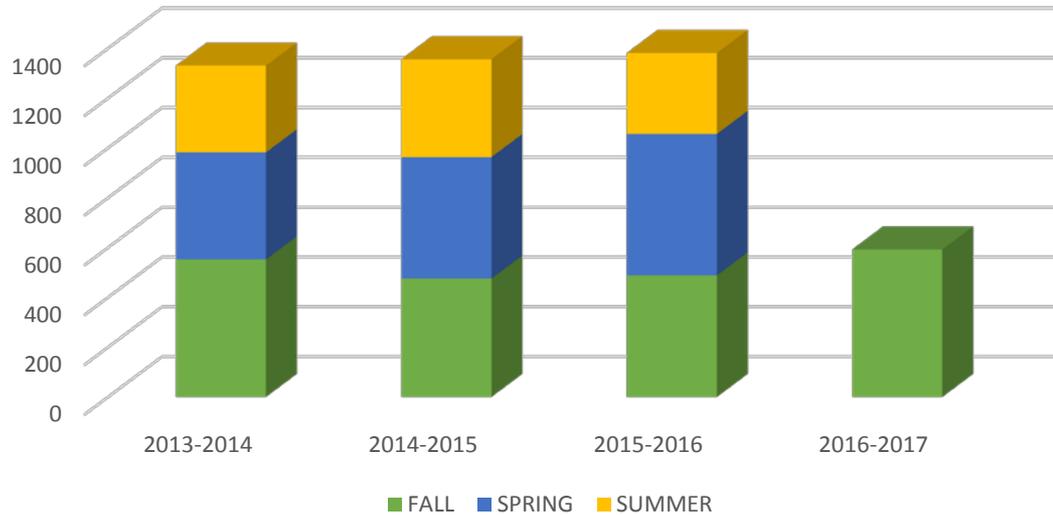
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UAB Graduate School Professional Development Program

Total Credit Hours

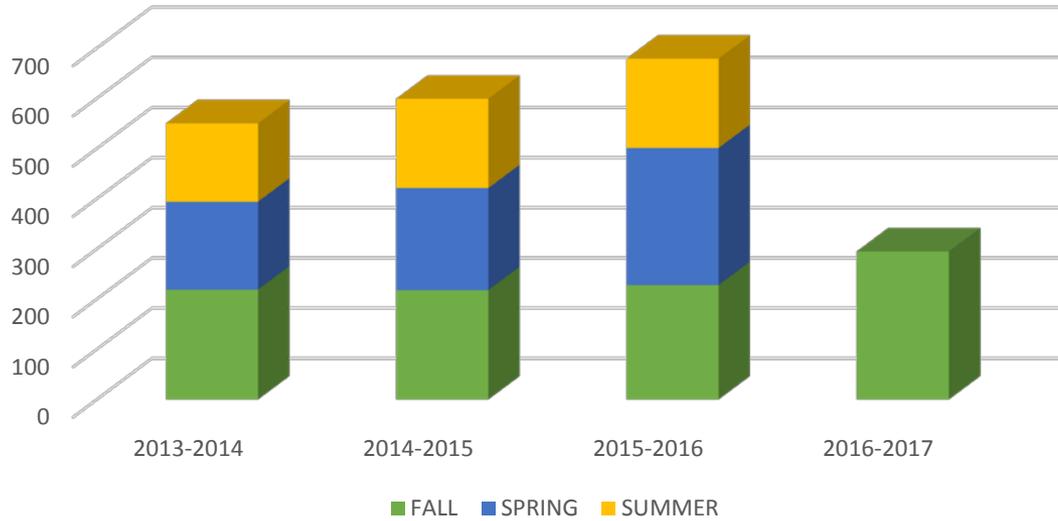


CREDIT HOURS

Academic Year	Fall	Spring	Summer	TOTAL
2013-2014	552	430	348	1330
2014-2015	475	488	393	1356
2015-2016	488	568	325	1381
2016-2017	605			

UAB Graduate School Professional Development Program

Total Enrollment



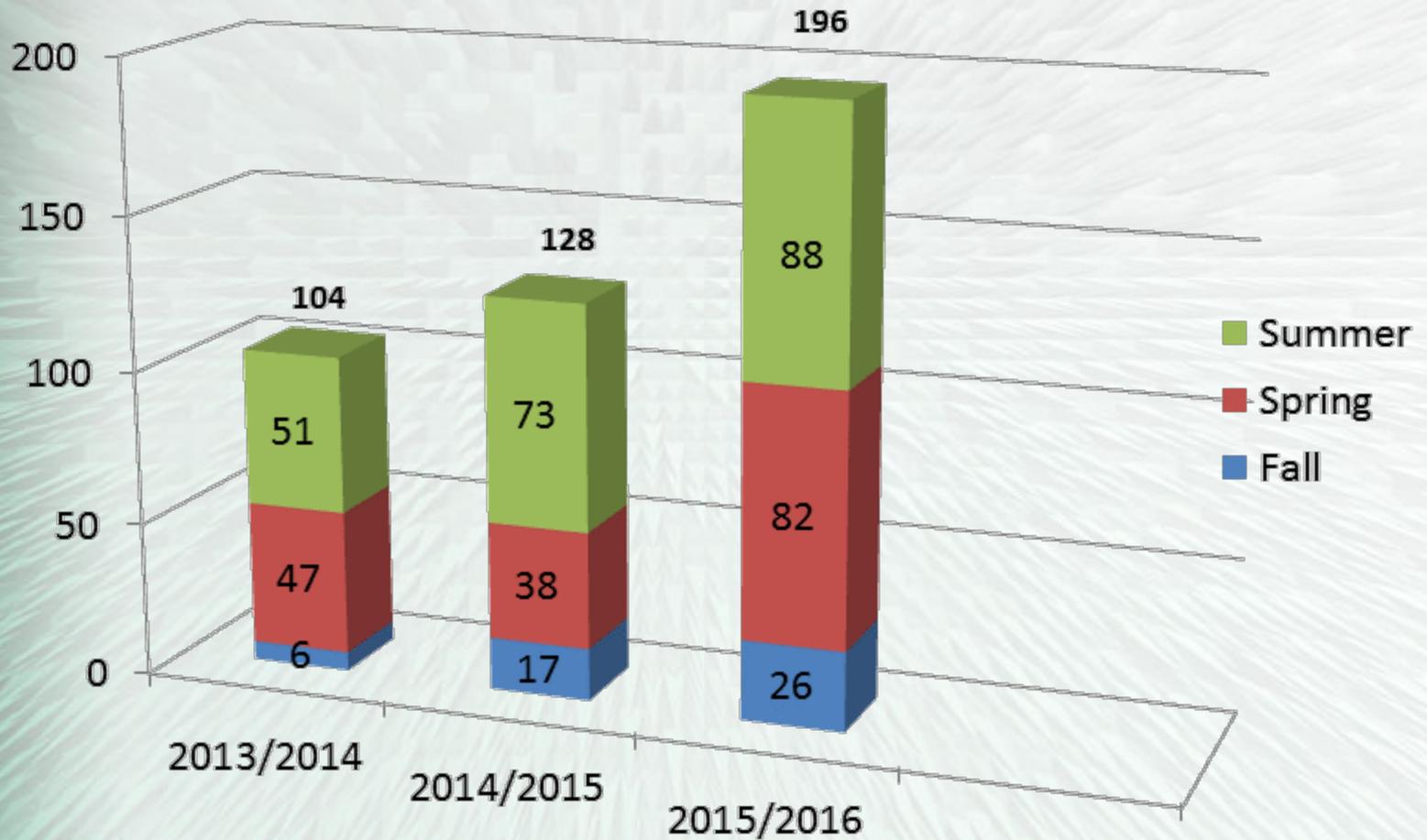
ENROLLMENT

Academic Year	Fall	Spring	Summer	TOTAL
2013-2014	219	175	156	550
2014-2015	218	203	178	599
2015-2016	228	266	178	672
2016-2017	302			

CIRTL@UAB

- **CIRTL Associate Teaching Certificate**
 - Category B Certificate
- **CIRTL Practitioner Teaching Certificate**
 - Category A Certificate
- **CIRTL Scholar Teaching Certificate**
 - Category A Certificate

Number of CIRTLL Certificates is Growing Annually





BEGINNING SPRING 2016

*Earn UAB's new
Graduate Certificate in*

MENTORING & LEADERSHIP

Category A Certificate



<u>Institution</u>	<u># of T32s</u>
Hopkins	68
Univ. Mich.	59
UNC	55
UC schools	52
Vandy	48
Stanford	41
Duke	34
Emory	32
UAB	29
Baylor	25
UT schools	24
Ohio State	18
Mich State	10
Rutgers	3

Figure 3. Currently funded T32 awards at UAB compared to near peer institutions.



October 20th
2pm | Hill Center
Registration due September 15th

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

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55 MASTERS & 40 DOCTORAL
programs

get involved
GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

 **Discoveries**
in the Making

Graduate School News

Postdoc Appreciation Week 2016 full of fun, informative activities



We think UAB postdocs rock, and we're showing it with a week full of fun and informative events September 19-23.

[Read more ...](#)

Adulting in Academics series to prepare you for a tough job market



To help you better prepare a challenging academic job market, the UAB Office of Postdoctoral Education and the Graduate School will host a series starting November 10, 2016. The free events will provide job skills training and help you gain market knowledge.

[Read more ...](#)

Ice cream social for grad students is August 30



UAB Graduate School, Graduate Student Government and Student Affairs invite you to have a bowl of delicious Bruster's ice cream on us!

[Read more ...](#)

3MT® informational meeting is August 18



This fall, the University of Alabama at Birmingham will participate for the first time in the Three Minute Thesis Competition. We'll provide more information on 3MT and answer your questions on August 18 from 1 to 2 p.m. in Heritage Hall Room 104.

[Read more ...](#)

Doctoral student named UAB School of Education's inaugural Cramer Morgan Fellow



Joy Barros, a Pensacola, Florida, native and graduate student pursuing a doctorate in health education/health promotion, has been named the **University of Alabama at Birmingham's** inaugural Cramer Morgan Fellow.

[Read more ...](#)

Upcoming Events

- SEP 8** 6:30 pm - Discoveries @ Homewood Library
- SEP 9** 8:00 am - UAB Graduate Program Directors and Staff Retreat
- SEP 12** 12:00 pm - Experiences Program Kickoff
- OCT 3** 6:30 pm - Discoveries @ Hoover Library
- OCT 13** 6:30 pm - Discoveries @ Homewood Library

FLSA
information

Student Successes

 *tell me something*
GOOD

UAB GRADUATE SCHOOL

*where boundless opportunity
meets a tradition of excellence*

Get Involved- Campus Student Organizations



Ask A Scientist



Black Graduate Student Association



Gradient- LGBTQ Grad Student Group



**Graduate Biomedical Student outreach
(GBSO)**



**Graduate Career Awareness and Trends
(GCAT)**



Graduate Student Government



Manos Juntas



**Master of Public Administration Student
Association**



SACNAS

Student Successes



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UAB Grad Students and Postdocs are awesome. You know this already, but we want our campus to be more aware of all the great things our trainees are achieving. Check out these impressive students.

Have you or one of your trainees accomplished or achieved something great recently? [Share it with us here.](#)



Boyoung Shin

Congratulations to Boyoung Shin, PhD candidate in the Immunology Theme, and in the department of Department of Cell, Developmental, and Integrative Biology. Boyoung has been awarded a Predoctoral Fellowship from the American Heart Association. The project is entitled *Regulation of Th17 cell pathogenicity during atherosclerosis*. This award will fund Shin for two years while the research is being completed.

Boyoung is under the mentorship of Laurie Harrington, Ph.D., Associate Professor in Cell, Developmental, & Integrative Biology.

July 2016

Dwight D. Eisenhower Graduate Fellowship

Happy to share the good news that UAB Lifespan Developmental Psychology graduate students Haley Johnson Bishop, Caitlin Pope, and Shannon Wittig were awarded a prestigious Dwight D. Eisenhower Graduate Fellowship from the US Department of Transportation for the 2016-2017 academic year. This fellowship covers one half of the stipend, plus expenses to attend the annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB). There are only 60 doctoral fellowships awarded each year and UAB was the recipient of three.

All three amazing trainees work in the UAB TRIP Lab (www.triplaboratory.com) and are under the outstanding mentorship of Despina Stavrinou, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology. The TRIP lab has been busy this year and the success of their trainees is shining through. We are so grateful for faculty like Dr. Stavrinou who provide an environment where her trainees are able to thrive.

July 2016





**Community Outreach is
Important!**



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