

I. THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM ECONOMIC IMPACT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) is a powerhouse for academic, clinical and research innovation throughout the Birmingham region, statewide, nationally and throughout the globe. UAB's story is one of remarkable growth in size, quality, reputation and impact. UAB has transformed from its modest beginnings in 1936 as an extension center into a doctoral research university and academic medical center. With an enrollment of more than 19,500 students in 2016,¹ employment of more than 23,000 full-time and part-time individuals, and more than 120,000 active alumni worldwide, the impacts of UAB can be felt by many throughout the world. As the largest single employer in the state of Alabama, UAB generates significant impacts for its employees and the state in terms of economic, employment and government revenue impacts on a daily basis. UAB, the UAB Health System and Southern Research drive a significant amount of the Alabama economy every year.

The impact of UAB can be felt through its academic rigor, its health care presence and its strong research activity, as well as its economic activity. For the purposes of this impact analysis, "UAB" is defined as the combined impacts of UAB Academic, UAB Health System and Southern Research.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM ECONOMIC IMPACTS TO THE STATE, FY16



¹ This study was completed for fiscal year 2016. At the time of publication, total enrollment for UAB for fall 2017 had reached 20,902.

- UAB generates **\$7.15 billion** in economic impact annually within the state of Alabama.
- UAB supports **64,292 jobs** throughout the state of Alabama.
- **One in every 31 jobs** within the state of Alabama either is held directly by a UAB employee or is supported as a result of UAB's presence.
- State and local government revenue attributable to the presence of UAB totaled **\$268.6 million** in FY16.
- For every **\$1** in state funding received by the institution, UAB generates **\$25** in economic impact that is returned back to the state.
- UAB faculty, staff and students generate more than **\$80.5 million** in community impact through donations and volunteer time to local nonprofits. In addition, the UAB Health System supports more than **\$144 million** in charity care to underserved populations in Birmingham and across the state.