Associate Dean of Genomic Medicine

The UAB Department of Genetics and the Dean of the UAB Heersink School of Medicine seek a visionary leader to direct a program in Genomic Medicine. The successful candidate will be an MD or MD/PhD and able to lead and sustain grant-supported clinical and/or laboratory research programs in genomic medicine.

For clinicians, up to 20% effort seeing patients in genomic medicine-related clinics can be supported, in which case board certification in clinical genetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics is required. Faculty rank will be at the level of Associate Professor or Professor, depending on the experience of the candidate and external grant funding of the candidate. Salary, and tenure status will also be commensurate with experience and qualifications of the candidate and external grant funding of the candidate.

The UAB Department of Genetics has a robust program in genomic medicine, including an Undiagnosed Diseases Program (an affiliate site of the NIH Undiagnosed Diseases Network), the Alabama Genomic Health Initiative sponsored by the State of Alabama, and participation in several large NIH-funded consortia, including the All of Us Research Program, the eMERGE Network, and BabySeq2. We have a close collaboration with the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology in Huntsville, AL. There is also an active training program, including an undergraduate major in genetics and genomics, graduate training in genetics and genomics, a genetic counselor training program, a genetics residency program, and NHGRI-funded programs in genomic medicine, including a T32 in Genomic Medicine and SURE-GM, an R25-funded summer program for students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities to spend one summer at HudsonAlpha followed by a second summer at UAB.

The Associate Dean of Genomic Medicine will be responsible for leadership for the All of Us Southern Network and the Alabama Genome Health Initiative and for the T32 and R25 training programs. If the candidate is a Board Certified Clinical Geneticist then s/he will be the Clinical leader/advisor of the UAB branch of BabySeq2, a program spearheaded by Boston Children’s Hospital and Brigham and Women’s Hospital, the Center for Precision Animal Modeling, an NIH funded program to develop animal models for human disorders to validate the pathogenicity of genomic variants and provide model systems for therapeutic development and eMERGE, an NHGRI-funded consortium to develop systems to integrate genomic medicine with electronic health records. The Associate Dean will also interface with the Chief Genomics Officer to help in the incorporation of genomics and genetics into clinical medicine.

Known for its innovative and interdisciplinary approach to education at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, a part of the University of Alabama System, is an internationally renowned research university and academic medical center with more than $715 million in annual research funding and an economic impact on the state exceeding $12.1 billion a year. UAB enrollment surpassed 21,500 for the fifth consecutive year in fall 2022. The university offers more than 180 degree programs in nine schools and one college. The pillars of UAB’s mission include education, research, innovation and economic development, community engagement and patient care. Learn more at www.uab.edu. UAB Medicine is the fourth largest public academic medical center in the country, with more than 1,900 beds and some 23,000 employees. UAB Hospital is the centerpiece of the UAB Health System and is the teaching hospital for the Heersink School of Medicine. Situated among major research centers and clinics, UAB Hospital provides patients with a complete range of primary and specialty care services, as well as the most up-to-date treatments and innovations in health care. In addition to UAB Hospital, UAB Medicine includes The Kirklin Clinic of UAB Hospital,
UAB Callahan Eye Hospital, as well as several primary and specialty care clinics, a dozen member and affiliate hospitals within Alabama, more than six cancer associates in the Southeast, and the Viva Health HMO.

UAB is internationally renowned for its intensely collaborative culture that has — for more than five decades — produced breakthroughs in education, health care, research, and service. UAB was ranked #1 in the United States for 2018 and 2019 in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, Young University Rankings. U.S. News & World Report’s 2022 “America’s Best Graduate Schools” ranks 16 UAB graduate programs among the nation’s top 25 and eight UAB specialties were ranked among the nation’s top 50 in the magazine's 2022-2023 Best Hospitals report. In 2021, Forbes named UAB as America's No. 1 Best Large Employer, topping a list of more than 500 public and private corporations, hospitals, universities, Fortune 500 companies and more, across dozens of industries. Forbes also named UAB America's Best Employer for Diversity among colleges and universities in 2021.

Located in the heart of the Southeast, Birmingham is a short drive from Atlanta, Nashville, Chattanooga, New Orleans, Memphis and Gulf Coast beaches. Some of the most beautiful suburbs in the United States surround the city. With its picturesque surroundings, Birmingham has been recognized as an “All American City”, one of the top ten American cities to live and work, and one of the top ten entrepreneurial and job growth hot spots in America. The combination of pleasant weather, geography, diverse culture, activities, and lifestyle make this city a wonderful place to live, raise a family, and practice medicine.

In tandem with our institution’s strong diversity efforts, UAB highly encourages candidates from underrepresented minorities to apply.

In alignment with UAB Heersink School of Medicine’s mission to reflect the diversity of our community and meet the needs of our diverse population, candidates are required as part of the application process to provide a statement that is up to one page single-spaced describing their contributions to promote diversity and inclusion.

To submit application materials, visit: XXX

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