

COLLEGE OF
ARTS AND SCIENCES

2019 Annual Report

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ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE

Advancing knowledge and improving quality of life in the state, nation, and world while preparing creative and globally minded citizens—that is the mission of The University of Alabama College of Arts and Sciences.

Fiscal year 2019 was a ground-breaking year for the College. Our faculty competed for and received more external funding than ever before as we continually expand our reach as an R1 institution.

Our students continue to excel, receiving prestigious fellowships and winning competitions nationwide. Our graduate programs continue to grow as we look to advance our research enterprise further.

And, thanks to more than \$12 million in gifts from our friends and alumni, we are able to expand opportunity for all students. Through the generosity of our supporters, we are able to recruit and retain the best students from all places, experiences, and backgrounds, and we are able to provide a comprehensive educational experience that is truly exceptional.

We also continue to expand our partnerships locally and globally. Collaborations with the local community enable us to train our students for the real world and apply our research while lending our expertise to help solve societal problems.

Globally, our faculty continue to collaborate with peers in Cuba, Greece, and many other countries, and our students gain valuable experience studying abroad in dozens of countries.

Indeed, it is an exciting time to be part of The University of Alabama College of Arts and Sciences. As we enter a new decade, we look forward to many exciting things to come.



FUELING *Leadership*



90%
OF UA SENIORS
WERE ACCEPTED
TO LAW SCHOOL

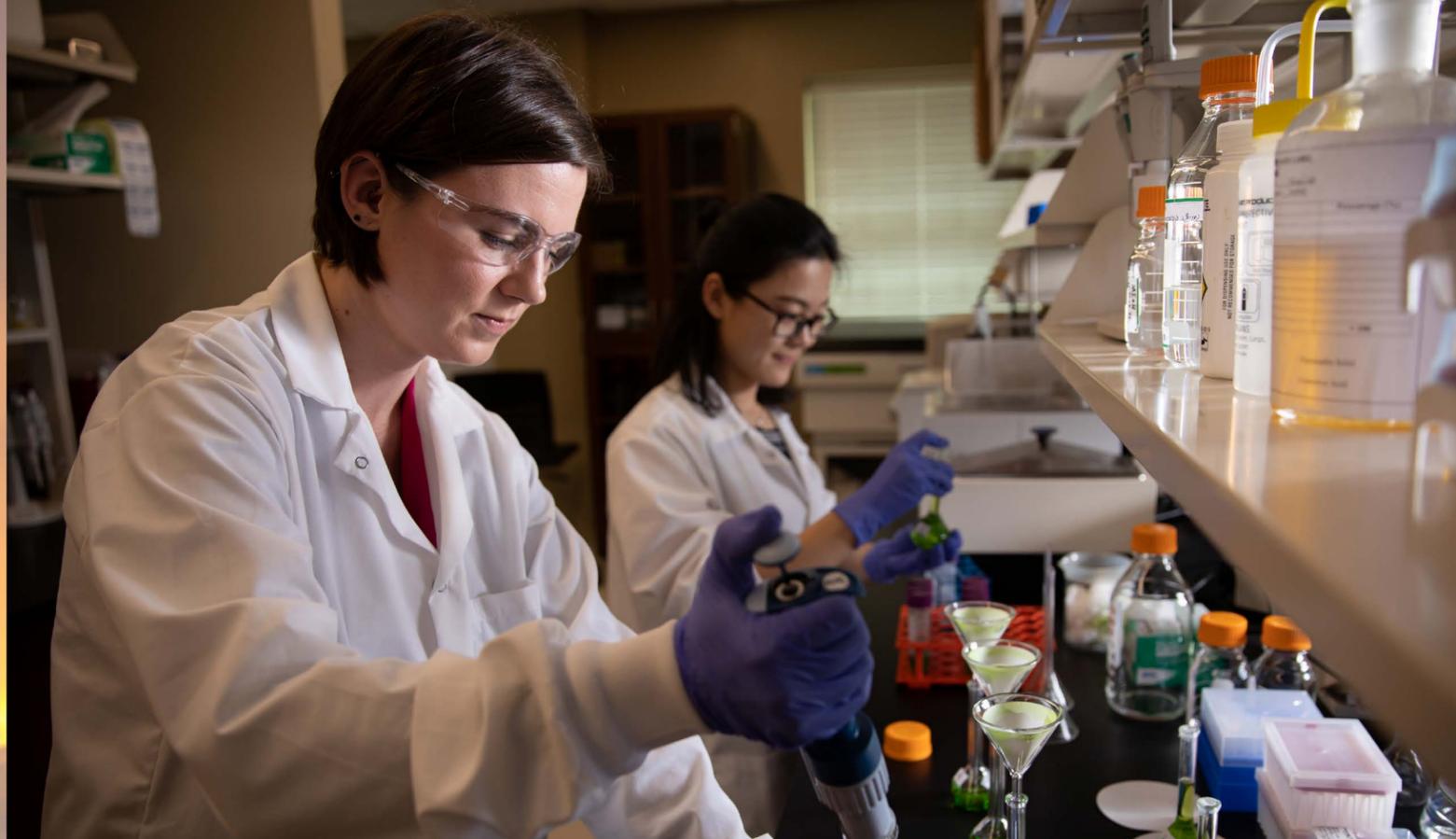
The College of Arts and Sciences awarded a record number of undergraduate degrees during 2019 and the second-most graduate degrees in College history, with more than 2,000 degrees awarded to undergraduate students and more than 350 degrees awarded to graduate students.

53%
OF UA STUDENTS
WERE ACCEPTED
TO MEDICAL
SCHOOL

Home to the University's pre-law and pre-health programs, the College continues to be a launching pad for students entering professional school and graduate school. Ninety percent of UA seniors were accepted into one or more law schools, with 23 graduates attending schools in the top 14. Nearly 53 percent of UA students who applied to medical school were accepted last year, 11 percent more than the national average. Within the last year, students in the College were also awarded nine Fulbright Awards, two Goldwater Scholarships, two Boren Scholarships, and one Critical Language Scholarship.

Students also gain valuable experience through experiential learning. Nearly 1,000 of our undergraduate students work on independent research projects every year, and nearly 500 of our students study abroad annually. Additionally, the University is ranked No. 2 in the nation for student internship placement, with many of our departments partnering with companies and organizations across the globe. Students also complete thousands of hours of service learning every year.

Driving *Innovation*



50%
INCREASE IN
SUBMISSIONS
YEAR OVER YEAR

The research enterprise of the College of Arts and Sciences continues to expand as the College grows its faculty and attracts leading scholars from across the globe.

The largest of The University of Alabama's 17 divisions, the College of Arts and Sciences accounts for one-third of UA's submissions and nearly one-quarter of UA's awards and expenditures. Research awards to the College of Arts and Sciences have grown 58% since 2015.

24%
INCREASE IN
AWARDS
YEAR OVER YEAR

With nearly \$31.1 million awarded to College faculty in fiscal year 2019, the College is poised to continue driving innovation benefitting our state, our nation, and our world.

Top-funded departments within the College include Brewer-Porch Children's Center (\$6.6 million), biological sciences (\$6.3 million), physics and astronomy (\$4.8 million), psychology (\$2.6 million), and chemistry (\$2.4 million).

Additionally, our departments of geography, geological sciences, mathematics, and museums generated more than \$1 million each, and our humanities and fine arts departments together generated over \$1 million.

Top funders include the National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Energy, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Defense, National Endowment for the Humanities, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Luce Foundation, and State of Alabama.

Highlights include a grant through which College faculty are leading efforts to expand STEM education nationwide; grants funding research on green chemistry, heat weaves, bias in the U.S. judicial system, neutrinos, meteorites, and southern LGBTQ history; and grants expanding online access to digital dance resources and the teaching and scholarship of religion in the United States.

RESEARCH AWARDS

Awards have increased 24% since last year and 58% since 2015



AWARDS

\$31,079,468

SUBMISSIONS

\$138,666,958

EXPENDITURES

\$19,594,160

GROWING *Academics*

The University of Alabama College of Arts and Sciences continues to be a top choice for higher education among undergraduate and graduate students nationwide.

Top-tier academics and cutting-edge research combined with a campus steeped in tradition and rich in opportunity, we attract some of the highest achieving students across the country, enrolling the second-most National Merit Scholars among all U.S. universities.

With 9,800 undergraduate majors and more than 1,000 graduate students, the College of Arts and Sciences is the largest UA division. We also educate more students than any other division at UA, accounting for 63% of all lower-division undergraduate credit hours and 45% of all UA credit hours.

Recruitment and retention of a diverse student body remains a top priority. The College has retained a diversity committee comprised of faculty since 2001. The committee is charged with increasing diversity within our community and promoting an inclusive campus environment that allows all students to thrive. Last year, the committee hosted a recruitment day for local high school students, sponsored high school students in earning college credit, and helped select the recipients of \$36,000 in scholarships for underrepresented minorities.

9,843
UNDERGRADUATE
MAJORS

1,028
GRADUATE
STUDENTS

8,222
UNDERGRADUATE
FIRST-MAJORS

482
MASTER'S
STUDENTS

1,621
UNDERGRADUATE
SECOND-MAJORS

546
DOCTORAL
STUDENTS

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

Enrollment has increased 35% since 2007



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TOP PROGRAMS BY ENROLLMENT

Approximately 4,000 students are enrolled in our top programs



EXPANDING *Impact*



The University of Alabama has been recognized as a community-engaged institution by the Carnegie Foundation since 2008. This elective classification demonstrates our commitment to collaborating with the greater community in the spirit of partnership and reciprocity—sharing knowledge and resources not only to enrich University life, but also to encourage civic responsibility and address issues of societal concern.



The College of Arts and Sciences plays a substantial role in UA's community engagement and is home to numerous community partnerships. Those highlighted here are just a few examples of this collaboration in action.



Community Music School

Accredited by the National Guild for Community Arts Education, our Community Music School engages more than 600 community members every year of all ages and abilities—from newborns to senior citizens to beginning and advanced musicians. The school offers a range of programming aimed at instilling a love of music while connecting the community with the arts. Programming includes innovative children's and introductory music classes, instrument instruction, private lessons, summer music camps, a youth orchestra, adult chamber groups, and more.

Biology Outreach

With the goal of educating the next generation of citizen scientists leading to greater understanding and preservation of Alabama's rich natural resources, UA students create and teach hands-on science lessons to K-12 students in Tuscaloosa City and County schools. Since beginning in 2008, the program has grown to involve over 1,500 K-12 students annually, and participating UA students benefit from a 98% placement rate as teachers, graduate students, and STEM employees. Additionally, the biology department partners with non-profits and conducts outreach via our Arboretum.

Mapping Local History

History faculty member Dr. John Giggie has partnered with the Equal Justice Initiative and others to transform the teaching of racial struggle and progress in the United States. In one class, UA students researched the history of lynching in Alabama, and worked with communities to erect monuments dedicated to victims. This year, Giggie partnered with Tuscaloosa's Central High School to pilot the state's first K-12 African American history course. Partners include the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Tuscaloosa Civil Rights History Task Force, and Department of Education.

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WORKING *Globally*

A pillar of the College of Arts and Sciences is to educate globally minded citizens and foster collaboration through international partnerships.

We are one of the only U.S. universities with a partnership in Cuba, which began with the College of Arts and Sciences in 2002 and expanded into the university-wide Center for Cuba Collaboration and Scholarship in 2015. Dozens of UA faculty travel to Cuba every year to work on academic collaborations with peers at the University of Havana and other institutions. Since 2002, more than 150 UA faculty and students have traveled to Cuba for research and study abroad.

The College is also home to the long-standing Alabama-Greece Initiative, a partnership with Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, a major research university in Greece's second-largest city. Scholars from both universities routinely engage in academic collaborations with their peers, and both universities host faculty collaborators on campus. UA hosted five Aristotle faculty in Tuscaloosa in 2019.

The College is continually seeking to expand partnerships such as these. Plans are currently underway to establish a formal partnership with the University of Ghana, and other partnerships are continuously being explored.

Additionally, College faculty and students engage in numerous collaborations and scholarly activities across the globe. Below is a sampling of highlights from 2018-2019.

Dance in Scotland

Yonder Contemporary Dance Company, a UA dance group led by faculty member Sarah Barry, showcased their talent across the pond in the 2018 Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Scotland, the largest performing arts festival in the world. Here, the dancers wowed an international crowd, as well as collaborated with some of the world's finest dancers.

Advising on Study Abroad

The College received a \$35,000 Capacity Building in Study Abroad award from the U.S. Department of State to fund a program that is the first of its kind. The year-long program will train a select group of UA advisers on study abroad, and then give them the opportunity to experience study abroad themselves with a trip to South Africa in 2020.

Fulbright in Greece

New College faculty member Dr. Catherine Roach was awarded a Fulbright Specialist grant to serve as visiting professor at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, where she taught and consulted about curriculum in the department of American literature. Roach's presentations and lessons focused on romantic narratives in literature.

FINANCES

FUNDING 2018-2019

State Appropriations	\$76,206,952
Contract and Grant Receipts	\$19,293,304
Endowments and Gift Funds	\$4,513,907
Total	\$100,014,163

EXPENDITURES 2018-2019

State Appropriations

Executive	\$517,397
Faculty Administration	\$3,973,016
Instruction	\$38,736,222
Professional	\$5,130,150
Secretarial/Clerical	\$3,621,604
GTAs	\$9,792,997
GRA/Other GA	\$1,193,021
UG Student Assistants	\$614,410
Maintenance	\$954,889
Operating	\$903,300
Travel	\$1,358,175
Maintenance/Repairs	\$490,073
Utilities	\$412,098
Supplies and Materials	\$1,559,598
Tuition/Scholarships	\$5,917,022
Entertainment/Awards	\$550,608
Equipment	\$482,372
Total	\$76,206,952

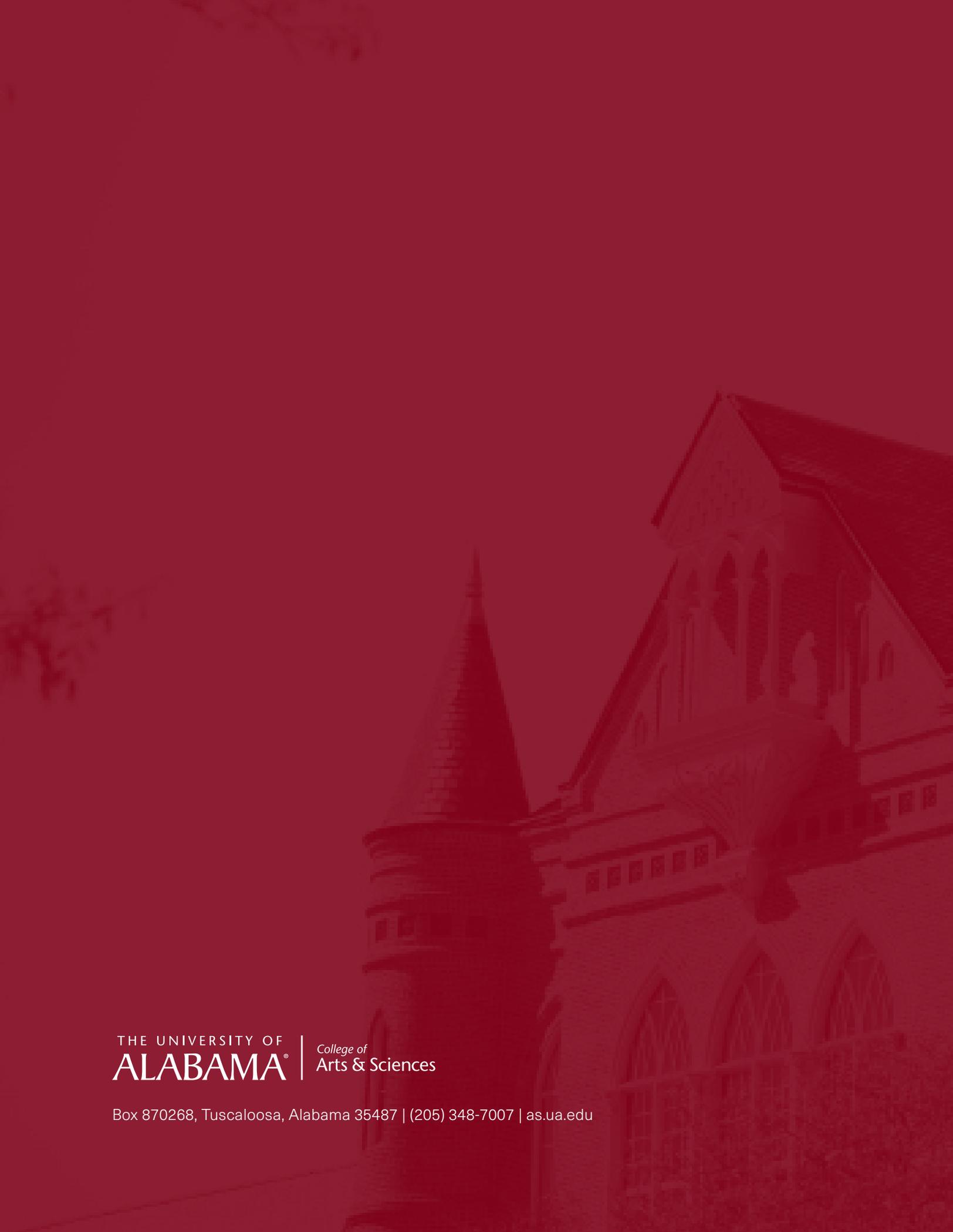
Contracts and Grants

Faculty Research	\$2,075,690
Faculty Instruction	\$62,012
Professional	\$2,513,932
Secretarial/Clerical	\$120,213
GRA	\$1,233,925
GTAs/Other GA	\$237,633
Maintenance	\$2,156,082
Benefits	\$2,006,493
Operating	\$3,395,596
Travel	\$1,029,628
Tuition	\$729,479
Equipment	\$1,976,223
Indirect	\$1,756,398
Total	\$19,293,304

Endowments and Gift Funds

Faculty Instruction	\$391,687
Professional	\$133,515
Secretarial/Clerical	\$100,471
GTAs	\$73,812
GRA/Other Student Assistants	\$34,688
Benefits	\$265,220
Professional Fees	\$117,318
Operating	\$783,013
Travel	\$292,673
Scholar/Fellow/Awards	\$2,049,101
Equipment	\$272,409
Total	\$4,513,907





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