

# Student Life

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Graduate students at UAB have many opportunities to become involved in the life of the university. Information about additional groups, both on and off campus, can be found in the [UAB Student Handbook, Direction](#).

[UAB Student Experience](#) would like to invite you to complete your UAB experience by becoming involved in the many activities and organizations available to you as a student. Events range from relaxing at free movies or comedy shows, involvement in student governance, cheering on the Blazers, writing for the [Kaleidoscope](#) student newspaper, rappelling down a cliff, hiking the Grand Canyon, and so much more. Each semester brings new events and organizations designed to give you opportunities to make friends, get physically fit, learn, socialize, relax, and have a good time becoming a part of the Blazer community! We want you to get involved!!

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## Black Graduate Student Association

The Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) was founded in 1993 and is dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence and social and political awareness with respect to African-Americans at UAB.

The BGSA sponsors social events, pertinent forums dedicated to issues of interest in the African-American community at our Black Lecture Series "Meeting of the Minds," activism opportunities, and an annual conference. For detailed information about the BGSA, visit the Web site at <http://www.uab.edu/bgsa/>.

## Graduate Student Government

UAB graduate students are represented by the Graduate Student Government (GSG), which works closely with the Graduate School and other offices of the university administration in formulating policies and meeting student needs. All graduate students are automatically

members of the GSG, and the GSG Senate is composed of student representatives from the various graduate programs. The GSG provides partial funding for graduate student travel to professional meetings. The organization co-sponsors a variety of services and activities, including the Honors Convocation, Graduate Student Research Days, and Graduate Student Orientation. Information on the Graduate Student Medical Assistance Fund and travel grants may be obtained on the GSG Web site ([www.uab.edu/gsg](http://www.uab.edu/gsg)).

## Three Minute Thesis

Three Minute Thesis (3MT) is an annual competition in which graduate students present their original research in an open forum. Information regarding participating in UAB's 3MT competition is available at the Graduate School Web site (<https://www.uab.edu/graduate/events/3-minute-thesis>).

## UAB Graduate Career Awareness Trends

The UAB GCAT, previously called the Industry Roundtable, is sponsored by the UAB Graduate School. The GCAT is a student-initiated and student run informal discussion group open to all graduate students and dedicated to fostering a greater awareness of career opportunities outside academia. Its goals are to provide a forum for networking with industry representatives; establish an interface between academia and industry; introduce students to the process of making industry contacts; encourage students to comment, ask questions, and seek advice from non-academics; stimulate students to begin career development early in their educational experience; and provide information to students about career opportunities outside academe. More information regarding the GCAT can be found at <http://www.uab.edu/gcat/>.

## Student Assistance & Support

Student Assistance & Support provides comprehensive, individualized support to students experiencing personal, academic, or social challenges that may impact their well-being or success at UAB. Our team works directly with students to assess concerns, develop action plans, and connect them with appropriate university and community resources. We assist with a wide range of needs, including mental health concerns, financial or housing instability, academic difficulties, interpersonal conflicts, medical emergencies, and other situations requiring coordinated care.

In addition, Student Assistance & Support manages Blazer Kitchen at the Hill Student Center, one of UAB's on-campus food pantry locations. This resource is available to all currently enrolled UAB students and provides access to perishable and non-perishable food items, school supplies, personal hygiene products, and other essential household goods. Our goal is to reduce food insecurity and remove barriers that may affect students' ability to focus, learn, and succeed.

For more information or to connect with our team, visit us in Hill Student Center 303, <https://www.uab.edu/students/studentcenter/contact>, or call 205#975#9509.

## Title IX

The University of Alabama at Birmingham Division of Student Affairs oversees the University's compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The Title IX Office works with students, University administration, departments, faculty, staff, campus police, and other

support services to ensure that University policies and programs foster a campus community free of sex discrimination including gender-based assault, harassment, exploitation, dating and domestic violence, stalking as well as discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identify and gender expression, and related retaliation.

For more information about Title IX, policy, procedures, reporting, protections, resources, and support, please email [titleixoffice@uab.edu](mailto:titleixoffice@uab.edu) or visit [uab.edu/titleix](http://uab.edu/titleix). Kasey M. Robinson serves as the University's Title IX Coordinator and can be reached at 405 Hill Student Center, 205-996-1340, or [kaseyr@uab.edu](mailto:kaseyr@uab.edu).