

1941

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Though in existence since 1936, in 1969, **UAB** became a fully autonomous university in the University of Alabama system. UAB offers 140 programs of study in 12 academic divisions and boasts well-regarded medical, dental, optometry and nursing schools. The UAB Health System is one of the largest academic medical centers in the country, and UAB Hospital is the only Level I trauma center in Alabama. Today, one in 31 jobs in the state of Alabama are directly or indirectly related to UAB, and its economic impact is \$7.15 billion.

Southern Research is founded

Southern Research is an independent scientific research organization that employs over 400 scientists across four divisions. Expertise areas include drug discovery, drug development, engineering, and energy and environment. So far, 20 drugs have been developed here, including five of the world's bestselling oncology drugs.

1969

O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center is founded

The O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center, originally established as the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, is the only NCI-designated cancer center in Alabama and is home to 400 scientists and physician scientists, 200 active clinical trials and 20,000 patients seen annually – with 5,000 new cancer patients seen each year.

1971

Lakeshore Foundation is founded

Lakeshore Foundation is a comprehensive rehabilitation and sport science research facility that develops novel approaches and technologies for people with chronic health conditions and physical disabilities. There are currently 25 projects ongoing and the Lakeshore Foundation has strategic partnerships with the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the U.S. Department of Defense, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, among others.

1984

Alabama Drug Discovery Alliance is founded

The Alabama Drug Discovery Alliance – a collaboration between the UAB School of Medicine and Southern Research – has 17 programs in development and works in five key target areas: Central nervous system, oncology, respiratory illness, diabetes and kidney disease.

2008

Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) is founded

The CCTS, the only clinical and translational science center in Alabama, is a transdisciplinary collaborative to reduce the burden of disease and disparities in health outcomes affecting underserved populations. It has 11 academic and research partners and was awarded \$50 million by the NIH last year.

2008

2013

UAB's Bill L. Harbert Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship is founded

The Bill L. Harbert Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship boasts 60 startup companies, 2,535 intellectual property disclosures, 555 issued U.S. patents, 324 license agreements and \$88.9 million in total revenue. It's located right in the heart of UAB's campus.

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NIH funding at UAB topped \$300 million in 2018, and companies like **Incysus**, **XpertDox**, **Biocryst Pharmaceuticals** and many others keep the region moving forward in innovation.

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