

UAB THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

Caldwell Marks Chair in Cancer Epidemiology O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center and School of Public Health Department of Epidemiology The University of Alabama at Birmingham Birmingham, Alabama

The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center (O'Neal) and the UAB School of Public Health (SOPH) Department of Epidemiology seek a dynamic scientist and leader in cancer epidemiology for the Caldwell Marks Chair.

The Marks Chair will work with the O'Neal and the SOPH Department of Epidemiology to strategically grow its research program in cancer epidemiology. The incumbent will have a strong endowment and the support to recruit additional faculty. The Marks Chair will work in an interdisciplinary research setting with significant opportunities to further develop and foster research collaborations campus-wide.

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated record of scholarly accomplishments, extramural research support, and mentoring and/or teaching experience to merit appointment at the rank of Professor with tenure in the Department of Epidemiology. Eligible candidates must have an earned doctoral degree (PhD, DrPH, ScD, or MD) and formal training in epidemiology. The department is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through their research, teaching and/or service.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Driven by an intensely collaborative and entrepreneurial character, UAB is one of the leading economic engines of the State, with a nearly \$4 billion budget and a statewide economic impact exceeding \$7 billion annually. UAB is Alabama's largest employer with more than 23,000 employees; it supports more than 64,000 jobs statewide. Total research expenditures at UAB exceeded \$562 million in 2018, and UAB ranks in the top 10 for NIH funding among public universities. Faculty, staff, and students represent 100+ countries, and diversity and inclusiveness are at the very core of who we are.

The School of Public Health

The SOPH mission is to make positive and lasting change in the public's health through the pursuit of excellence in scholarship, teaching, and service to the larger community. Founded in 1987, the SOPH has grown to over 80 faculty and 500 students. The SOPH consistently has over \$30 million annually in research funding, with roughly half coming from NIH. The SOPH has been ranked in the top 20 NIH-funded Schools of Public Health for the last 10 years. Industry, the Alabama Department of Public Health, and Alabama Medicaid, are also significant sponsors of SOPH research efforts. The school is home to several data coordinating centers, two long-standing NIH-funded cohort studies, REGARDS and CARDIA, as well as the new RURAL cohort. The SOPH offers masters and doctoral programs in Epidemiology, Biostatistics,

Environmental Health Sciences, Health Behavior, and Health Care Organization and Policy, as well as a popular undergraduate major.

The Department of Epidemiology has 21 faculty members, approximately 100 students in masters of public health and masters of science in public health programs, and 30 doctoral students. Faculty in the Department of Epidemiology focus on a wide variety of chronic and infectious diseases, using methods that range from omics to community based participatory research to analysis of large administrative data sources. Department faculty collaborate closely with researchers in the UAB School of Medicine, other UAB Schools, other departments within SOPH, and with research teams at other universities. This collaborative culture is facilitated by the UAB University-Wide Interdisciplinary Research Centers, which include the O'Neal. More information about the UAB SOPH is available at: <http://www.soph.uab.edu/>.

O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center

The successful applicant will join one of the most prestigious comprehensive cancer centers in the country. The O'Neal was one of the first eight NCI-designated Cancer Centers in 1972 and has been continuously funded for 48 years. The UAB O'Neal has over 400 members conducting outstanding cancer research in Cancer Control and Population Sciences, Cancer Biology and Immunology, Experimental Therapeutics, and Neuro-Oncology research programs. Center members receive approximately \$100 million in extramural cancer research funds annually, including multiple program project and large team science grants. The UAB O'Neal has 12 grant-supported research cores, nine of which are institutional shared resource facilities. A robust clinical trial infrastructure currently supports nearly 200 cancer clinical trials. UAB is one of 42 institutions with an NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award, which supports translational research and creates a supportive environment that synergizes with the O'Neal to promote junior investigators. More information about the O'Neal is available at:

<https://www.uab.edu/onealcancercenter/>.

To Apply

University of Alabama at Birmingham has retained Isaacson, Miller to assist the Caldwell Marks Chair in Cancer Epidemiology Search Committee in its identification and review of candidates. Screening of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the search is successful or closed. Nominations, applications, and inquiries are being accepted for the position, and recruitment will continue until the position is filled. All inquiries, nominations, and referrals will be held in strict confidence and should be directed in confidence to:

Randi Herrick, Managing Associate rherrick@imsearch.com

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<https://www.imsearch.com/search-detail/S8-589>

UAB is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer committed to fostering a diverse, equitable and family-friendly environment in which all faculty and staff can excel and achieve work/life balance irrespective of, race, national origin, age, genetic or family medical history, gender, faith, gender identity and expression as well as sexual orientation. UAB also encourages applications from individuals with disabilities, and veterans. A pre-employment background check investigation will be performed on all candidates selected for employment; the results of which investigation must be satisfactory to [UAB] if an offer of employment is to be effective.

About Birmingham, Alabama

Located in the heart of the Southeast, the Birmingham metro area consists of over one million people and a thriving nexus of medicine, banking, research, and development. It is a short drive from Atlanta, Nashville, New Orleans, Memphis, the Blue Ridge Mountains, and Gulf Coast beaches. Birmingham has been recognized as an “All-America City” by the National Civic League as one of the top 10 American cities to live and work, and one of the top 10 entrepreneurial and job growth hot spots in America. *Condé Nast Traveler* magazine named Birmingham one of “The Best 22 Places to Go in 2022.”

Downtown Birmingham has enjoyed a revitalization in recent years, with the development of nearby [Railroad Park](#) — a national award-winning urban park — and its adjacent Regions Field — a national award-winning stadium, home to the minor league [Birmingham Barons](#). These projects have kickstarted major growth in surrounding districts, including craft breweries, boutique shops, restaurants, loft and apartment buildings, innovative workspaces, and hotels.

Birmingham, with 99 diverse neighborhoods, has more green space per capita than any other major city in the nation. It has been designated Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for nearly 30 years in a row. It is home to Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve with 14 miles of trails, 1,000+ acres of biodiverse urban forest, and 150 species of birds. It is also home to Red Mountain Park with 15 miles of trails and Alabama’s largest dog park – named one of the “10 Great Southern Dog Parks” by *Southern Living Magazine*.

Birmingham is also a renowned culinary destination having been named America’s “Next Hot Food City” by *Zagat’s*, Top 10 “Unexpected U.S. Cities with a Surprisingly Good Food Scene” by *Fodor’s*, and since 2018, the home of four James Beard Award winning chefs and restaurants.

There are a host of attractions only a short walk from UAB’s campus, including the Birmingham Civil Rights District National Monument. This area encompasses the historic sites that played significant roles in the Civil Rights Movement – places such as the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church where four little girls were killed in a 1963 bombing, Kelly Ingram Park where everyone congregated for demonstrations and marches, and the [Birmingham Civil Rights Institute](#)—a major destination for visitors from around the world.

Birmingham’s cultural scene is thriving with museums, galleries, theatres, and live music venues. We are home to multiple festivals of music, art and film including Sidewalk Film Festival, which *USA Today* named one of “Ten Great Places for a Fabulous Film Festival.” In addition, Birmingham has a professional ballet company, a professional opera company, the Alabama Symphony Orchestra (based at UAB’s Alys Stephens Performing Arts Center), a [School of Fine Arts](#), the [Jazz Hall of Fame](#), and the recent restoration of the historic [Lyric](#) and [Alabama Theatres](#).

Because of all this, and because of its sports history, Birmingham has been selected to serve as the host city of the [2022 World Games](#).

[Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport](#) is Alabama’s largest commercial airport serving nearly three million passengers in 2019 on American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines, and United Airlines. Many direct flights are available to Washington, DC, Detroit, Phoenix, Philadelphia, New York City, Denver, Houston, Miami, Chicago, Baltimore, Charlotte, Orlando, and more.