RESEARCH AGENCIES

Oak Ridge Associated Universities

Since 1946, students and faculty of The University of Alabama have benefited from its membership in Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU). ORAU is a consortium of 96 colleges and universities and a contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. ORAU works with its member institutions to help their students and faculty gain access to federal research facilities throughout the country; to keep its members informed about opportunities for fellowship, scholarship, and research appointments; and to organize research alliances among its members.

Through the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), the DOE facility ORAU operates, undergraduates, graduates, postgraduates, and faculty enjoy access to a multitude of opportunities for study and research. Students can participate in programs covering a wide variety of disciplines, including business, earth sciences, epidemiology, engineering, physics, geological sciences, pharmacology, ocean sciences, biomedical sciences, nuclear chemistry, and mathematics. Appointment and program length range from one month to four years. Many of these programs are specially designed to increase the numbers of underrepresented minority students pursuing degrees in science- and engineering-related disciplines. A comprehensive listing of these programs and other opportunities, their disciplines, and details on locations and benefits can be found in the ORISE Catalog of Education and Training Programs. ORAU’s Office of Partnership Development seeks opportunities for partnerships and alliances among ORAU’s members, private industry, and major federal facilities. Activities include faculty development programs, such as the Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards, the Visiting Industrial Scientist Program, and various services to chief research officers. For more information about ORAU and its programs, visit the ORAU home page.

- Alabama Business Research Council
- Alabama Council on Economic Education
- Alabama Law Institute
- Alabama Museum of Natural History
- Alabama Productivity Center
- Alabama State Oil and Gas Board
- Other Research Organizations

The following organizations also contribute to the research environment at The University of Alabama:

- Alabama Research Institute on Aging
- Animal Care Facility
- William R. Bennett Alabama International Trade Center
- J. Nicholene Bishop Biological Station
- Brewer-Porch Children’s Center
- Bureau of Educational Services and Research
- Bureau of Legal Research
- Capstone International Center
- Capstone Poll
- Cartographic Laboratory
- Center for Business and Economic Research
- Center for Current Accounting Issues
- Center for Developmental and Learning Disorders
- Center for Land Information Analysis and Mapping

- Center for Materials for Information Technology (MINT)
- Center for Public Television
- Center for Teaching and Learning
- Child Development Research Center
- Coalbed Methane Resource Center
- Critical Languages Center
- Early Childhood Learning Center
- Electron Microscope Laboratory
- English Language Institute
- Evaluation and Assessment Laboratory
- Gadsden Educational and Research Center
- Geographic Information Systems Laboratory
- Geological Survey of Alabama
- Health Research Consulting Service
- Hess Institute for Retailing Development
- Human Resources Institute
- Infant Laboratory
- Institute for Communication and Information Sciences
- Institute for the Book Arts
- Institute for Social Science Research
- Institute of Alcoholism Research and Studies Inc.
- Inter-University Consortium for Political Research
- Laboratory for Human Osteology
- Latin American Studies Program
- Legal Counsel for the Elderly
- Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium
- Marine Science Program
- Minority Culture Archives
- Moundville Archaeological Park
- National Network of State Polls
- Natural Resources Center
- Office of Archaeological Research
- Office of Educational Media
- Office of Informational Technology
- Office of Institutional Research
- Office of Institutional Research
- Office of Sponsored Engineering Programs
- Program for Rural Services and Research
- Project ROSE
- Psychology Clinic
- Remote Sensing Laboratory
- Research Grants Committee
- RISE Program
- Small Business Development Center
- Speech and Hearing Center
- State Data Center
- Transportation Research Group
- University Child Care Services
- University of Alabama Arboretum
- University of Alabama Art Gallery
- University of Alabama Ichthyological Collection
Research Agencies

- University of Alabama Press
- University of Alabama Theatre
- U.S. Bureau of Mines
- U.S. Geological Survey
- West Alabama Comprehensive Services (WACS)