The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry invites applications for a Tenure-track Associate Professor or Professor faculty position. We seek applicants whose central research focuses on cutting-edge biomedical sciences applied to vision and the visual system. The school’s research program priorities include cellular and molecular biology of the eye, physiology, pharmacology, microbiology, genetics, stem cell biology, biomedical optics and imaging, dry eye and contact lens, myopia, concussion, psychophysics, and other topics. Current research strengths and opportunities include the study of hereditary retinal degenerations, retinal physiology, glaucoma, ocular surface...
diseases (dry eye), the development of refractive errors, biomedical imaging, visual brain function, and visual rehabilitation. Broader institutional strengths include neuroscience, aging, obesity, precision medicine, public health, and health policy, and large-scale collaborative patient-based research.

This position will also serve in the role of Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, which includes Vision Science Graduate Program (VSGP) administration, student mentorship, research administration, planning, and oversight. The position reports to Dean Kelly Nichols.

Faculty rank and tenure status will be commensurate with the successful candidate’s academic qualifications, skills, and experience. Applicants should hold a doctoral degree (OD, Ph.D., MD, or in combination) and have a track-record of research funding. Successful candidates are expected to sustain an innovative research program with extramural funding support, preferentially from the NEI, and to facilitate the development of the faculty vision research enterprise at UAB. Candidates are also expected to advance and contribute to the educational, service, and clinical missions of the school.

This is an exceptional opportunity pursue scholarly advances in knowledge and discovery related to vision and to engage in the education of optometrists and vision science graduate students at one of the leading optometry institutions in the country. The University of Alabama at Birmingham’s School of Optometry is located within the university’s Medical Center where a lively multidisciplinary collaborative environment flourishes with established platforms for excellence in translational and patient-based research.

Our Community:

The University of Alabama at Birmingham is an internationally renowned biomedical research university and academic health center with more than 22,000 employees and 21,000 students. We are a university that discovers, teaches and applies knowledge for the intellectual, cultural, social and economic benefit of its city, state, and beyond. The University of Alabama at Birmingham is academically and clinically strong in optometry, medicine, dentistry, occupational therapy and other related health disciples. We are currently ranked 10th in NIH funding among public universities, and 22nd among all institutions. Vision research is thriving, with strong institutional and extramural support for more than 75 active vision research investigators spanning 6 different schools and 11 departments. The University of Alabama at Birmingham has maintained an NIH-funded vision research core grant (P30) for more than 37 years. The campus is located in the heart of downtown Birmingham, a city that has been reinvigorated by many culturally exciting urban redevelopments over the last decade (for more, see www.uab.edu/didyouknow and www.uab.edu/students/home/birmingham).

How to Apply:
Confidential applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled. Candidate screening will begin immediately. For best consideration, applications and nominations should be provided no later than August 16, 2019. A complete application will include a letter describing relevant experiences and interest in the position, current curriculum vitae, and the names of three references with titles, mailing addresses, business/home telephone numbers, and email addresses. All documents should be submitted in pdf format. Individuals who wish to nominate a candidate should submit a letter of nomination, including the name, position, address, telephone number, and email address of the nominee. Greenwood/Asher & Associates (GAA), an executive search firm, is assisting the University of Alabama Birmingham in the search.

Applicants should submit a current curriculum vitae, names and contact information of at least three professional references, a summary of past, present and future research interests, and a statement of their teaching philosophy to:

http://uab.peopleadmin.com/postings/5137

All nominations and application materials should also be submitted to:

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Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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