



The School of Optometry at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) invites applications for multiple positions for an Assistant/Associate Professor of Optometry and Vision Science.

About the University. In 2021, UAB was ranked by *Forbes* as America’s [#1 Best Large Employer](#) and #4 on the list of Best [Employers for Diversity](#) among colleges and universities. The UAB campus occupies nearly 90 city blocks on the southside of downtown Birmingham (known as the Magic City) and is the region’s principal economic driver. With a metropolitan population of about 1 million, Birmingham offers the amenities of a big city with the warmth and hospitality of a Southern town. For more information about the university and its academic programs, visit the [UAB website](#).

About the School of Optometry. As one of the top optometry programs in the nation, the [School of Optometry](#) at UAB was the first in the U.S. to be fully integrated into an academic health center. Small classes are embedded within the vast network of academic and clinical resources offered by UAB. Internationally recognized [faculty](#) in optometry, vision science, and ophthalmology teach students within a state-of-the-art clinical practice, and students have opportunities to join them in [research](#) that leads to groundbreaking discoveries in vision science. The [vision, mission, and goals](#) of the School of Optometry emphasize the quality and meaningful service to humanity that the School and its faculty contribute.

Since awarding its first Doctor of Optometry degree in 1973, the UAB School of Optometry has grown to include [graduate degrees in vision science](#) and three [dual degree programs](#): OD/MBA, OD/MPH and OD/MS. The School also offers eight [residency programs](#) for additional training in optometry with 16 highly competitive spots, all accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education.

Students receive clinical training at [UAB Eye Care](#), a 34,000-square-foot teaching facility that provides personalized primary eye care, treatment for ocular diseases, low-vision rehabilitation and optical services. Optometry students at UAB provide numerous screenings and comprehensive eye exams in the clinic and across Alabama through community outreach. Students, faculty, and residents collectively examine nearly 25,000 patients per year.

Faculty Positions in the School of Optometry. The School now seeks professional clinical educators (Assistant/Associate Professors) in the areas of ocular disease, cornea/contact lenses, and other clinical specialties. Successful candidates will be expected to contribute to and advance the educational, clinical, service, and research/scholarship mission and objectives of the School. Clinical faculty are generally expected to (1) provide high quality patient care while educating and supervising student interns in the clinic setting, (2) provide high quality didactic and laboratory teaching in the optometry professional curriculum, and (3) participate in service activities that benefit the School, university, and the optometric profession. To a lesser degree, clinical faculty should contribute to scholarship related to their areas of interest.

These positions are full-time, non-tenure-track clinical appointments, with responsibilities in teaching and clinical work. The School of Optometry offers a collegial environment for supporting new faculty and professional development in teaching and practice. The salary is competitive, based on experience.

Required Qualifications. Successful candidates will meet these *required* qualifications:

- Earned Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree from an accredited school or college of optometry
- Eligibility for [licensure](#) to practice the full scope of Optometry in the state of Alabama
- Completion of a residency/fellowship program OR additional degree (M.S., M.P.H., Ph.D.) OR minimum of three years of equivalent clinical experience

Preferred Qualifications. Successful candidates may also meet some of these *preferred* qualifications:

- Completion of a residency program related to ocular disease or cornea/contact lenses
- Advanced clinical experience in ocular disease or cornea/contact lenses

To Learn More. The UAB School of Optometry has partnered with Academic Search in the recruitment of talented, qualified applicants. To discuss the position, potential candidates are welcome to set up a time to speak with [Dr. Ginny Horvath](#), Senior Consultant: by clicking on [this link](#), you can access her calendar and book a Zoom session at a time that fits your schedule. Please note that her calendar reflects the *Eastern U.S. time zone*. Once you book, you'll receive the Zoom link in a confirmation and reminder notifications.

The co-chairs of the search committee are also willing to discuss the positions with potential applicants and nominators. Please direct questions to [Dr. Jillian Ziemanski](#), OD, PhD, FAAO (jfmead@uab.edu) or [Dr. Andrew Rothstein](#), OD (arothstein@uab.edu).

To Provide a Confidential Nomination. To nominate someone for this position, please send an email to Dr. Ginny Horvath (ginny.horvath@academicsearch.org) and provide the name, title/institution, and email address of any person you believe would be a strong candidate. Dr. Horvath will follow up with nominees to ensure they know they have been nominated and to provide further information.

To Apply for This Position. Candidates should submit these documents directly through the [UAB website by clicking here](#):

1. Statement of Teaching Philosophy
2. Cover Letter
3. *Curriculum Vitae*

A pre-employment background check investigation is performed on candidates selected for employment.

Deadline for Applications. Although this search is open until the positions are filled, for full initial consideration by the search committee, applications should be received by **January 5, 2023**. The start date is negotiable, but the UAB School of Optometry expects that these faculty will begin no later than August 2023.

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.