



# EGYPTIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION IN NORTH AMERICA (ESANA)

إتحاد الدارسين المصريين بأمريكا الشمالية

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## Unit Location

- ✚ City: Birmingham
- ✚ State/Province: Alabama
- ✚ Country: USA

## University

1. University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)

## Current Active Fields

1. Medicine
2. Biomedical Sciences (Microbiology, Immunology, Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, Cell Biology and Neurobiology)
3. Civil Engineering
4. Computer Sciences
5. Mathematics

## Availability of Financial Aid and Grants

UAB graduate student awards are available in the form of assistantships or fellowships. Applications for assistantships or fellowships should be submitted to the director of the graduate program in which the student is, or plans to be enrolled. For more information please log on to [www.uab.edu](http://www.uab.edu)

### ✚ General Financial Information

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) Fastweb Scholarship Search

[www.isoa.org/grants.html](http://www.isoa.org/grants.html) International Students Organization in America

[www.edupass.org](http://www.edupass.org) International Student Funding

[www.nafsa.org/students/funding.html](http://www.nafsa.org/students/funding.html) NAFSA Financial Aid Guide

[www.usinfo.state.gov/usa/infousa/educ/studyus.htm](http://www.usinfo.state.gov/usa/infousa/educ/studyus.htm) Dept. of State Guidelines to Study in the U.S.

### ✚ Scholarships and Grants

[www.rotary.org/programs/amb\\_scho](http://www.rotary.org/programs/amb_scho) Rotary Foundation Scholarships

[www.worldbank.org/wbi/scholarships](http://www.worldbank.org/wbi/scholarships) The World Bank Scholarships and Fellowships Program

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) American Association of University Women

[www.grantsnet.org](http://www.grantsnet.org) Funding for Biological and Medical Sciences

[www.iefc.com](http://www.iefc.com) International Education Finance Corporation

### ✚ Private Loans

[www.iefc.com](http://www.iefc.com) International Education Financial Aid

[www.teri.org](http://www.teri.org) The Education Resource Institute

[www.educaid.com](http://www.educaid.com) International Student Loan Program

[www.nelliemae.com](http://www.nelliemae.com) Nellie Mae Student Loans



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## City Information

With a population of nearly one million, the city of Birmingham is Alabama's largest city and is the state's industrial, business, and cultural center. The University of Alabama at Birmingham is centrally located in the downtown area, which is convenient to many of the city's most entertaining areas. The city is home to major engineering companies, a nationally ranked medical center, a symphony orchestra, a Triple A baseball team, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, and a myriad other institutions and organizations that make it a thriving modern city.

Compared to other US cities Birmingham is neither too big nor too small. Living expenses are below national average. People are generally friendly, but of course there are exceptions. They are also conservative which might go along with some of our Egyptian social traditions and values.

## Weather conditions

Alabama's climate reflects four seasons: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall.

Range of average temperatures:

- January 42 Degrees F (6 Degrees C)
- April 63 Degrees F (17 Degrees C)
- July 90 Degrees F (37 Degrees C) During summer there is an average
- 51.8 days above 90 Degrees F
- November 52 Degrees F (11 Degrees C)

## City Attractions

UAB is a comprehensive urban university and medical center complex with an annual enrollment exceeding 18,000 students. In a short period of time, UAB has established excellent programs through six liberal arts and professional schools, six health professional schools and graduate programs serving all major units.

One of the leading Medical Research and Patient Care Centers in the U.S., the UAB Health System offers leading edge patient care, health facilities, research and medical training. Two UAB Hospital specialty programs made the Top 10 and nine specialty programs are ranked in this year's U.S. News & World Report's annual "America's Best Hospitals" issue 2005. Rheumatology was ranked sixth for an unprecedented 14th consecutive year; and heart and heart surgery has leaped from 25th to 10th during the last two years.

In brief, if you are in the medical or any health related field you will definitely have many outstanding research opportunities to pursue at UAB.

For a list of Birmingham's attractions please log on to

<http://www.hellobirmingham.com/Attractions.cfm>

## City Drawbacks

The city might be a little too quiet for someone who comes from a busy city like Cairo or Alexandria. Also it's not as busy as New York, Chicago or San Francisco.



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Alabama has always been known for racial discrimination. Personally I have never encountered any problems and there has been a huge civil rights movement that started here. I advise prospective students not to worry about that issue at all especially if you work in the University where people are used to dealing with foreigners.

## Size of the Egyptian Community

The community comprises of about 10 families at most. Most are very helpful, kind and hospitable.

## Contact person

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