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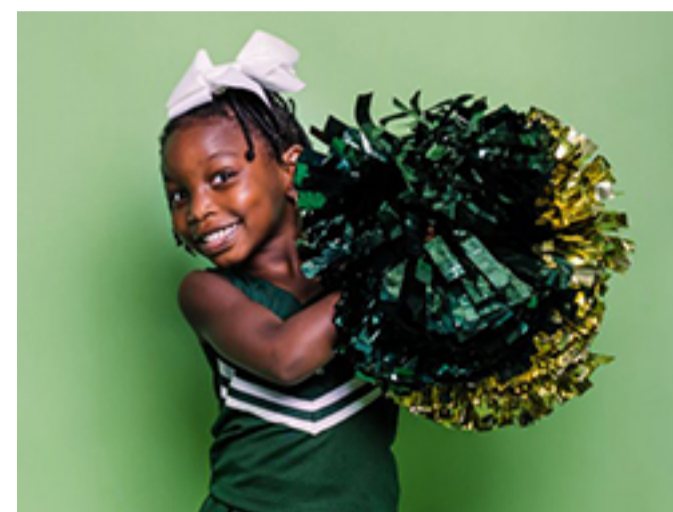
### A record year for research funding — to the tune of \$849 million

In spite of the pandemic (and in part because of it), UAB had another record-breaking year of research funding in fiscal year 2021. COVID-related grants accounted for a one-time 33% increase in awards, up from \$638 million last year.



### Study provides 'critical information' for kids who have cancer and COVID

Children with cancer who were diagnosed with COVID are at an increased risk of severe infection and having their cancer therapy modified, say UAB researchers who created the largest registry of U.S. children with those diseases.



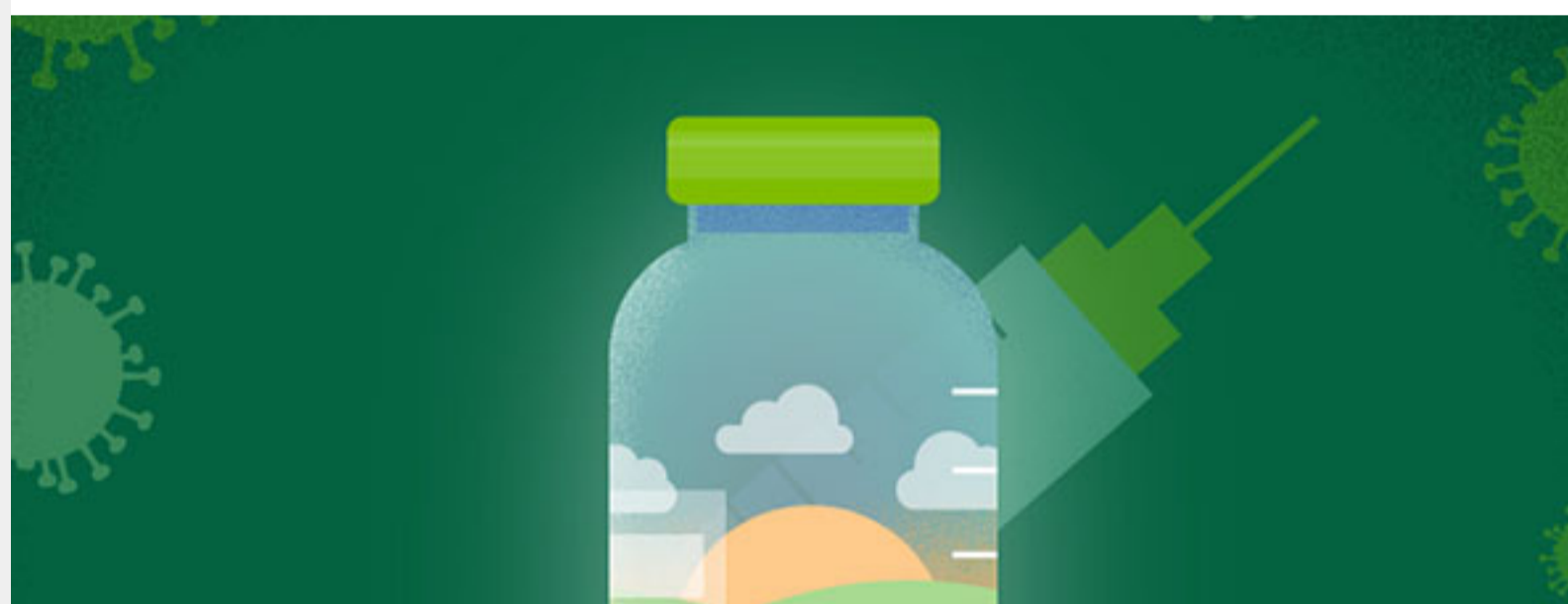
### Pass on your Blazer pride to the next generation 🎓

Your child or grandchild can get a special surprise from UAB for milestones until they're 16, plus invites to special events — making their college choice even easier when it's time to decide. Register online at [alumni.uab.edu/legacy](http://alumni.uab.edu/legacy).

### Apply for a vaccine exemption by today, Nov. 19

Federal mandates requiring UAB to ensure university faculty and staff are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 have been extended to include health care workers ([read more](#)). The revised vaccination deadline for UAB and UAB Medicine employees is **Jan. 4, 2022**, and the preferred deadline to request a vaccine exemption is **Nov. 19, 2021**. You can confirm that Employee Health has your vaccine record on file, add booster records or upload your immunization documentation [online](#).

### Things to know



### 🦋 The 411 on holiday travel and your COVID booster

A safe, free and effective COVID-19 vaccine has many excited to catch up on missed holidays with loved ones — but how far in advance should you get boosted to ensure maximum safety? UAB infectious diseases experts Jodie Dionne, M.D., and Latesha Elopre, M.D. share the details.



### University to close Nov. 25-26, no bus service

UAB will close Nov. 25-26 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Blazer Express, shuttles and roadside services will be interrupted; gates will be raised at the Sixth Avenue Parking Deck for employees who normally use the Express lots, and Safety Escorts are available.

### Do you know someone who champions diversity?

The President's Diversity Champion Award recognizes achievements of faculty, staff, students and student organizations working to develop a more culturally diverse and inclusive university community. See [guidelines](#) and submit nominations online by Dec. 1.

### More news online

Get campus news at [uab.edu/reporter](http://uab.edu/reporter) and COVID-19 updates at [uab.edu/uabunited](http://uab.edu/uabunited). If you have news you want to share with UAB faculty and staff, use the [Request Publicity form](#) online.

### Mark your calendars



### ICYMI: Fall commencement will be held in person 🎓

As COVID cases continue to remain low on campus, UAB plans to host in-person commencement ceremonies Dec. 10-11 in Bartow Arena. Continue to check email and [uab.edu/commencement](http://uab.edu/commencement) for more info. And remember: Getting vaccinated and continuing to mask are the best ways to prevent a rise in cases, which could mean a change to virtual commencement.



### Cheer on the Blazers and score free lunch today

UAB faculty and staff can get free lunch courtside during UAB Women's Basketball vs. Mississippi Valley State Nov. 19 in Bartow Arena; the game begins at 11 a.m., with lunch at noon. Bring your ONE Card to the main entrance on the concourse by Section 116.

### Researchers, this forum is for you

Get updates on hot topics and new processes and tools to help research teams succeed during the virtual Research Administration Forum 3 p.m. Dec. 1; [register](#) and [review an agenda](#) online.

### Check the campus calendar for more events

Lectures	Arts	Athletics
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