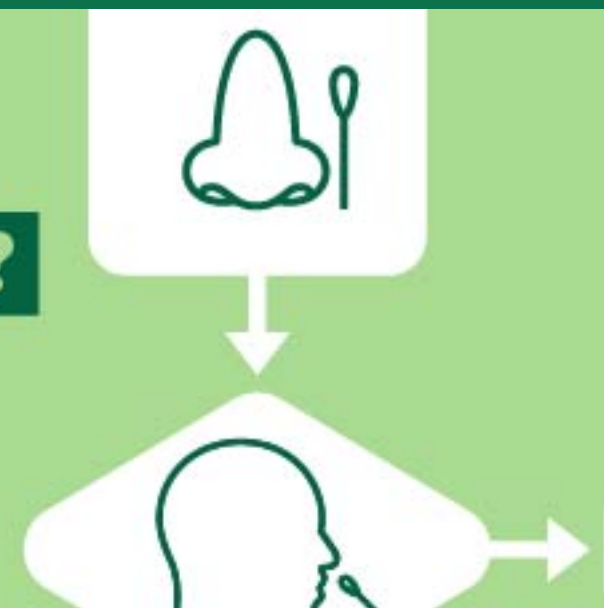
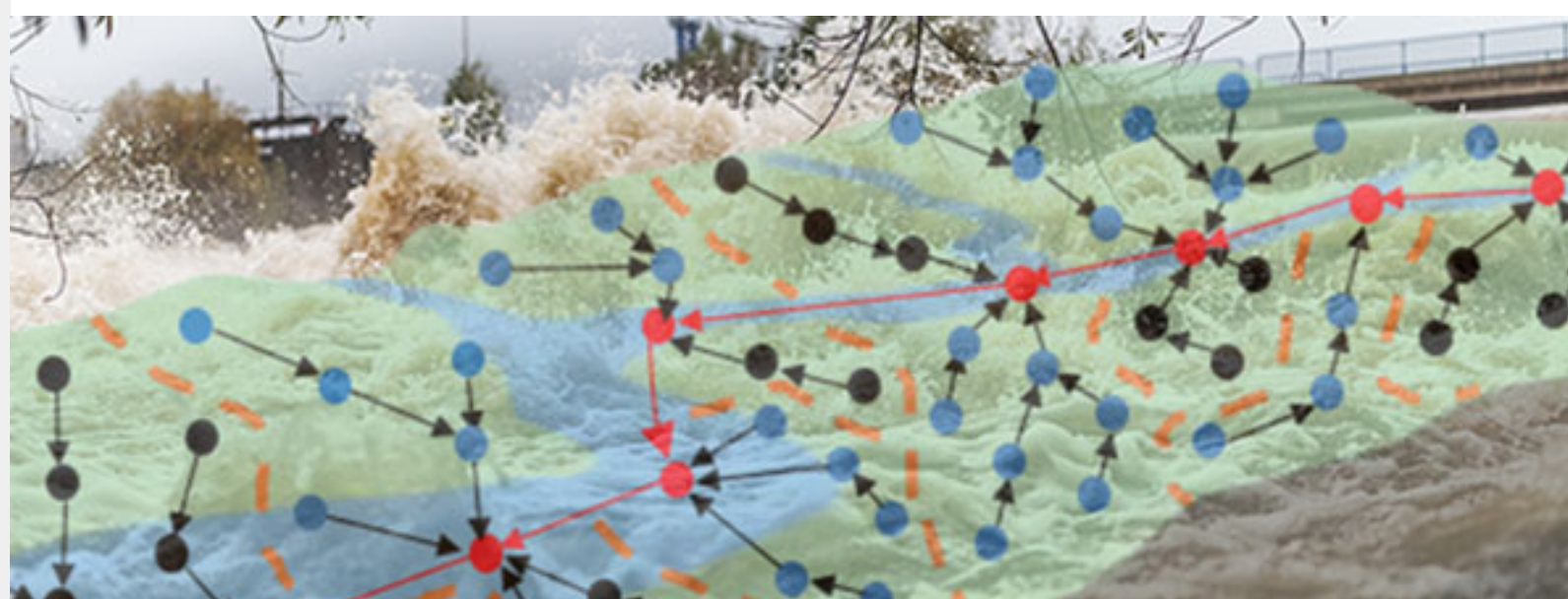


Think you need to get tested for COVID?

This flowchart will help you figure out what to do next.



September 24, 2021



The world is bumpy. These researchers are teaching computers geometry to save lives and accelerate commutes.

With a new NSF grant, computer scientists are developing a precision flood prediction system that pushes the boundaries of the young field of geometric deep learning. Their work could lead to better route recommendations in navigation apps and breakthroughs in drug discovery and development of novel, energy-efficient materials.



UAB again honored for commitment to diversity

The annual Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award is a national honor recognizing U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate outstanding commitments to diversity and inclusion; UAB also was named one of Forbes' best employers for diversity in April.



It's time to get your flu shot

Employees can receive a free flu vaccine at Margaret Cameron Spain Auditorium Oct. 1-31; times are online at uab.edu/flu. A valid ONE Card is required; no appointment is necessary.

Things to know



5 things to know about open enrollment

This week, UAB HR Benefits begins rolling out information to provide benefit-eligible employees time to review upcoming changes and make informed decisions for themselves and their families during open enrollment Oct. 22-Nov. 8.

This new reporting tool will help keep scooterists, cyclists safe

Help keep campus and Birmingham safe by reporting risky riding behaviors or improperly parked electric scooters and bicycles on campus to UAB Transportation and the City of Birmingham using [this form](#).

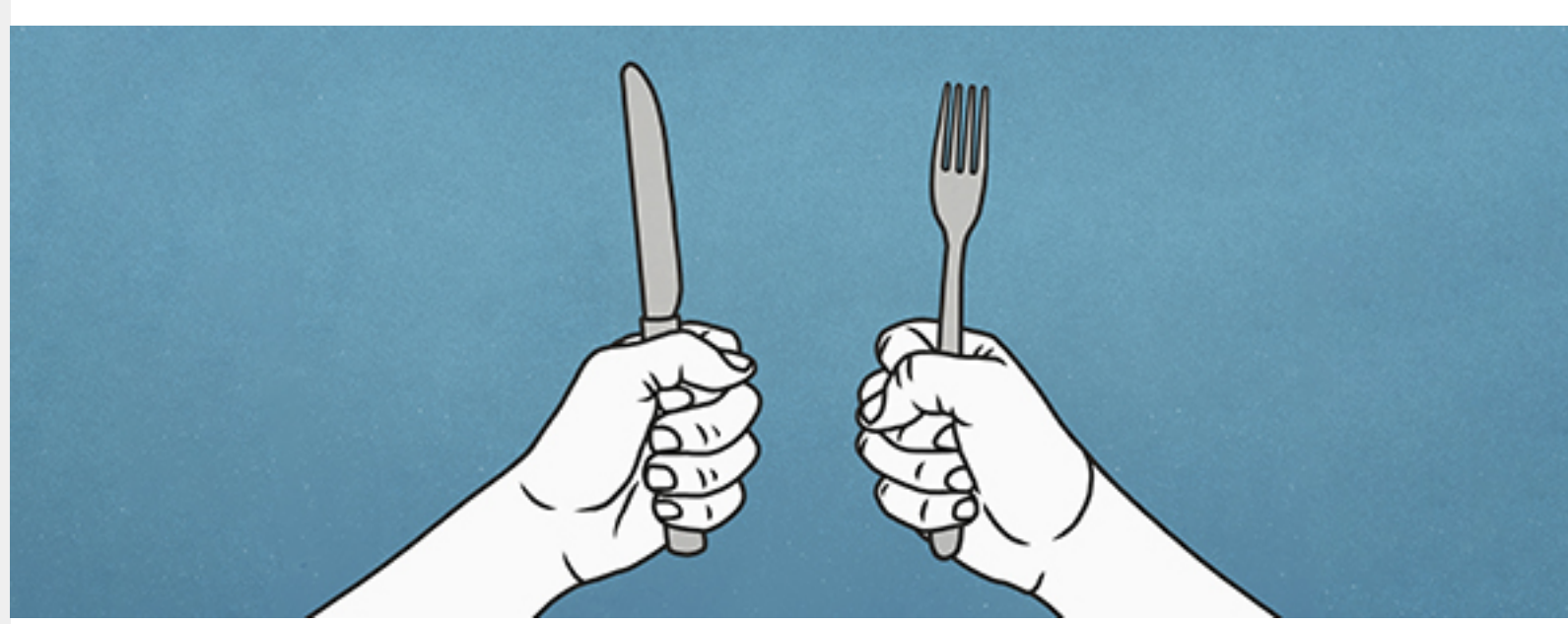
Apply to teach an Honors course next year

Have a unique idea for a new class? Honors seminars emphasize engaged, active learning, critical thinking and experiential learning. Faculty can submit a course proposal for 2022-2023 by Oct. 1; direct questions to khw@uab.edu.

URec massage therapy is back

Members and nonmembers can book single and multi-appointment packages for Swedish, neuromuscular, sports and deep tissue massages at the Campus Recreation Center. See pricing and get more info [online](#).

Things to know



Should you skip breakfast? Eat dinner early? Is intermittent fasting healthy? Two UAB studies look for volunteers to find out

Two new UAB studies — one for people with Type 2 diabetes, one for people who are overweight — aim to discover whether changing when you eat can make you healthier.



How can models predict viral spread and community impact?

Review three modeling strategies used to model viral spread and learn how assumptions can affect decisions, plus explore how they are used in public health policy to control infectious disease spread with public health expert Suzanne Judd, Ph.D., noon Sept. 29 on Zoom.

Explore alcohol abuse in sub-Saharan Africa

Michael Vinikoor, M.D., associate professor of infectious diseases, will discuss the prevalence of alcohol abuse in sub-Saharan Africans living with HIV and the dearth of evidence-based treatment options 9 a.m. Sept. 29 on Zoom.

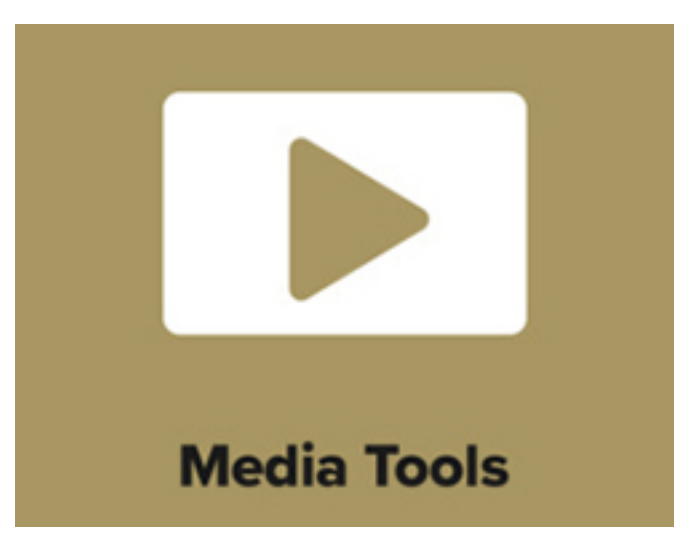
Learn about cell and gene therapies

Hosted by the Department of Biomedical Engineering, the virtual 2021 NIH Progenitor Cell Translation Consortium Annual Conference will feature discussions on gene and cell therapy topics and provide a forum for trainees and junior investigators to present their work. Register [online](#).

Funding available for palliative, supportive care research

One-year funding up to \$25,000 is available through the Center for Palliative and Supportive Care Palliative Research Enhancement Project, which aims to fund UAB investigators in order to cultivate external funding opportunities. Letters of intent are due Oct. 25; more information is [online](#).

Mark your calendars



Learn to use Media Tools

Register for these 11 a.m. workshops:

- Creating and uploading videos Sept. 27
- Editing and publishing videos Sept. 28
- Developing Kaltura Quizzes Sept. 29
- Using GoReact Sept. 30

Direct students to job fair Sept. 29

Students can network with employee partners hiring for full-time and internship positions across the U.S. during the Fall Virtual Career Fair 10 a.m. Sept. 29 on [Handshake](#).

Performance evaluations are due Sept. 30

Employee performance evaluations for the 2020-2021 performance management period must be completed and signed by Sept. 30. Submit evaluations and find more information at uab.edu/performancegmt.

Want to learn more about graduate education at UAB?

Network with faculty and staff from UAB's graduate programs and discover which program is the best for you during the Graduate Program Recruitment Fair 10 a.m. Oct. 6 in the Hill Student Center ballrooms and third-floor meeting rooms. See a schedule [online](#). Curious about the application process? Attend a virtual workshop on [finding and applying to a program](#), writing a personal statement and applying to med school.

More news online

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

One more thing



Kimberly helps remove Kracke sign during building demo

Senior Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research and Director of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science Robert Kimberly, M.D., donned a hard hat and worked alongside the construction crew to remove the [Kracke Building](#) sign during demolition. Kracke and the adjacent Pittman Center for Advanced Medical Studies both are being razed to make way for the Altex Stysinger Genomic Medicine and Data Sciences Building.

Check the campus calendar for more events

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