

Dear Prospective Ph.D. Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the School of Social Work's Ph.D. Program at The University of Alabama. On this website you will find basic information about our program that will, hopefully, provide you with sufficient information upon which to make your decision to pursue your doctoral study with us. Information about general University policies regarding graduate degrees is available at the Graduate School website, <http://graduate.ua.edu/> on which a current copy of the *University of Alabama Graduate Catalog* may be found. If you have any questions or need clarification on any point, please do not hesitate to contact me at jkosberg@sw.ua.edu or by telephone at (205) 348-9785.

Our doctoral program is research-focused and dedicated to the advancement of knowledge for the profession of social work. Doctoral students who complete the program are prepared to embark upon careers in social work research. Many combine their research agendas with teaching or administrative responsibilities.

The priority deadline for applications for admission to the Ph.D. Program, and for financial aid, is **February 1st** of the year in which admission is desired. However, students who apply after the priority deadline may be considered for admission and financial aid, as space and funds permit. It is suggested, although not required, that you visit the campus prior to making a decision pertaining to enrollment in the Ph.D. Program. For assistance in arranging such a visit, or if you have questions, please feel free to contact me at jkosberg@sw.ua.edu or by telephone at (205) 348-9785 or the Ph.D. Program secretary, Ms. Mallory Porch, porch004@sw.ua.edu or by telephone at (205) 348-3949.

We hope that you will find that The University of Alabama Ph.D. Program in Social Work can be the springboard for the achievement of your personal career goals. I, along with the other members of the faculty, stand ready to work with you in such a pursuit, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Endowed Chair in Social Work
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