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OVERVIEW

Albany State University (ASU) is a public historically black university in Albany, Georgia. As part of the University System of Georgia, ASU offers more than 30 undergraduate and graduate degree programs across diverse disciplines including business, education, nursing, criminal justice, and the arts. The university serves approximately 6,500 students and maintains a student-to-faculty ratio of 19:1, ensuring personalized attention and mentorship. ASU is known for its strong STEM programs, championship athletics, and vibrant campus life featuring over 60 student organizations. The university's commitment to community engagement is evident through numerous service initiatives and partnerships with local businesses and organizations. With its commitment to academic excellence, cultural diversity, and student success, Albany State University continues to be a transformative force in higher education throughout the Southeast.

WORKFORCE TRAINING

Albany State University (ASU) in Georgia has established itself as a leader in higher education through innovative teaching methodologies and strategic workforce development initiatives. Through partnerships with major organizations like IBM, NASA, NSF, and NIH, ASU prepares students to meet the demands of an evolving job market while contributing to scientific advancement and economic growth in Georgia and beyond. IBM Partnership provides students with access to cutting-edge technology resources, internship opportunities, and specialized curriculum in data science and artificial intelligence. The IBM Skills Academy prepares ASU students for high-demand tech careers through industry-recognized certifications. NASA ASU's Space Science Center engages students in NASA-funded research projects, including satellite development and aerospace engineering. The partnership offers research grants, mentorship programs, and pathways to careers at NASA and aerospace industries. Multi-million dollar grants support cutting- edge research in STEM fields, particularly focusing on underrepresented minority student participation. These partnerships have established specialized research facilities and funded undergraduate research experiences in biomedical sciences and environmental studies. These strategic alliances have transformed ASU's teaching capabilities through curriculum enhancements, faculty development, and state-of-the- art facilities. The university now serves as a crucial pipeline for diverse talent entering the workforce in critical sectors including healthcare, technology, and scientific research.

RESEARCH CAPABILITIES

Albany State University (ASU) stands as a beacon of innovative research in Georgia, fostering groundbreaking discoveries through strategic partnerships with national agencies and industry leaders. Our institution combines cutting-edge facilities with dedicated faculty expertise to address critical challenges across multiple disciplines while providing students with exceptional research opportunities that prepare them for future scientific leadership. ASU has received grants of over \$85 Million dollars in the past 5 years. ASU maintains multiple NSF-funded research initiatives focused on STEM education advancement and environmental science. The university's Center for Undergraduate Research currently manages over \$3.5 million in NSF grants supporting student-faculty collaborative projects and state-of-the-art laboratory equipment.

<u>NASA</u>

Through NASA's Space Grant Consortium, ASU conducts atmospheric research and remote sensing projects. Our Space Systems Laboratory develops small satellite technologies and offers students hands-on experience with flight hardware development, supporting NASA's mission to expand space exploration capabilities.

IBM

Albany State's Computing Sciences department partners with IBM on artificial intelligence and data analytics research. The IBM-ASU Innovation Center provides students access to quantum computing resources and cloud technologies, preparing them for careers in emerging tech fields while supporting faculty research in cybersecurity.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

ASU's health sciences researchers receive substantial NIH funding to investigate health disparities in rural Georgia communities. The Biomedical Research Center conducts groundbreaking studies on chronic diseases prevalent in underserved populations, with special emphasis on diabetes and cardiovascular health interventions.

Department of Education

The university leads several Department of Education funded initiatives examining educational equity and effectiveness. Our Center for Educational Policy Analysis conducts longitudinal studies on teaching methodologies and student outcomes, directly informing state and national education policy development.

FACILITIES & INSTRUMENTATION

Albany State University (ASU) boasts comprehensive technological infrastructure supporting both academic excellence and innovative research. Our campus facilities combine traditional learning resources with cutting-edge technology centers, providing students and faculty with the tools needed for success in today's digital landscape. The ASU Library features over 200,000 physical volumes and provides access to 80+ research databases. The Information Commons offers 240 computer workstations, digital media labs, and collaborative study spaces with advanced presentation technology. Our state-of-the-art Robotics Center houses industrial-grade robotics equipment, 3D printers, and a dedicated drone testing facility. The center supports coursework in AI, machine learning, and autonomous systems development with equipment valued at over \$2 million. ASU maintains specialized electronics laboratories featuring circuit design workstations, signal processing equipment, and embedded systems development tools. Our high-performance computing cluster supports advanced research with 40+ teraflops of processing power.

PAST PERFORMANCE

Albany State University (ASU) has established strategic partnerships with major federal agencies and corporations to enhance research capabilities and workforce development. These collaborations have positioned ASU as a key institution for cutting-edge research, student success, and community impact in Southwest Georgia. NASA and DOE programs engaged 150+ students in STEM research and internships since 2018, with a 75% placement rate in STEM careers and graduate programs. The program provides \$350,000 annually in scholarships and research stipends. IBM

Partnership has provided \$1.2M in technology resources and curriculum development. 15 faculty members have received specialized training, benefiting over 200 students through mentorship, internships, and hackathons focused on AI and cloud technologies. USDA, A signature initiative providing \$750,000 in research funding for sustainable agriculture practices. Has supported 8 faculty researchers and 35 undergraduate students in developing innovative farming techniques for South Georgia's unique climate challenges. NSF has provided \$3.2M in active grants supporting minority STEM education NIH partnerships focusing on health disparities research with \$1.8M in current funding 18 faculty and 65 students engaged in biomedical research project.