



Dr. Clyde Oyster

Dr. Clyde Oyster, who was among the first faculty members at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry (UABSO), passed away on Sept. 8, 2016.

According to UABSO, Dr. Oyster was revered as an outstanding teacher, pioneering retinal researcher and esteemed author. His textbook, "The Human Eye: Structure and Function," is considered a landmark publication and is still being used at schools and colleges of optometry. He and his wife, the late Dr. Ellen Takahashi, were instrumental in the early success of UABSO and the creation of the Vision Science Graduate Program.

Read more about Dr. Oyster at the [UABSO website](#). His obituary appears [here](#).

Also: UABSO researchers were awarded a \$1.9 million grant from the National Eye Institute to study dry eye. According to Dr. Jason Nichols, Professor and Assistant Vice President for Industry Research Development in the UAB Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development, "The study will look at the lipid layer of the eye and the biochemical changes that cause dry eye. Once we understand these changes, we will be able to better treat the



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condition that affects up
to 30 percent of the
world.”