

University of South Florida

The University of South Florida is a high-impact global research university dedicated to student success. Over the SDVW \HDUV QR RWKHU SXEOLF XQLYHUVLW\ LQ WKH FRXQWU\ KDV ULV university rankings than USF. Serving more than 50,000 students on campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Sarasota-Manatee, USF is designated as a Preeminent State Research University by the Florida Board of *RYHUQRUV SODFLQJLW LQ WKH PRVW HOLWH FDWHJRU\ DPRQJ WKH VWD national recognition for its success graduating under-represented minority and limited-income students at rates equal to or higher than white and higher income students. USF is a member of the American Athletic Conference.

To learn more about USF, we invite you to explore <u>About USF</u> on our website, review the <u>USF Strategic Plan</u>, and learn about our <u>Points of Pride</u>, including some impressive enrollment statistics and important facts about the university.

USF MISSION

Led by outstanding faculty and professional staff, the University of South Florida conducts innovative scholarship, creative activity and basic and translational research, and delivers a world-class educational experience promoting

PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNITY

Excellence with Equity

We affirm the value of excellence. Our essential pursuit of truth and wisdom depends upon fairness and equity. We recognize that individual and collective excellence entails a responsibility to ensure that every member of our community has the opportunity to succeed.

Diversity with Inclusion

We affirm the value of diversity, individual dignity, equity, and our common humanity. Diversity of lived experiences, thought, and values enriches our lives and our whole university community. We seek the intentional inclusion of the broadest possible range of these perspectives essential to a university with local, state, national, and global impact.

Freedom with Responsibility

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Postdoctoral Employee Benefits

Direct Deposit

State Sponsored Benefit Plans

As an employee of USF, Postdocs may receive a benefits enrollment packet from People First, the State of Florida

Deferred Compensation

The State of Florida offers a deferred compensation plan, which allows employees the opportunity to save an amount from each salary warrant and postpone payment of taxes until a later date.

- x Tampa campus ±(813) 974-2970
- x St. Petersburg campus ±(727) 873-4105
- x Sarasota-Manatee campus ±(941) 359-4775

Social Security

Postdoctoral Scholars do not participate in Social Security. Instead, they are enrolled in the Temporary Employee Retirement Plan (TERP). See information on **TERP** below. For questions relating to employment and immigration status, contact USF World at https://www.u

Postdoctoral Employee Resources

Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) strives to foster a robust postdoctoral community at the University of South Florida by providing opportunities to enhance the postdoctoral experience, serving as a dedicated resource for postdoctoral scholars, faculty and administrators, and promoting the university's dynamic program of postdoctoral opportunities. Our goal is for each postdoctoral scholar to have an exemplary professional and personal development experience while at USF.

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs works to serve postdoctoral scholars by:

- x Providing professional development opportunities
- x Cultivating a community of scholars
- x Assisting with the navigation of USF policies and resources
- x Advocating for postdocs across USF

Feel free to contact us at postdoc@usf.edu or call (813) 974-0495 with any questions or visit the OPA website for professional development opportunities and more.

COVID-19 Updates, FAQs & Resources

We are preparing for the new semester with your health and well-being as our highest priority. Though some of the mitigation guidance has changed based on our evolving understanding of the virus, its transmission, vaccination effectiveness, etc., all members of and visitors to the university community on any campus should continue to follow any posted signs and placards relating to COVID-19 mitigation. For the latest updates from the university pertaining to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, please see our Coronavirus Updates.

COVID-19 Guidance & Resources

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International Services

The Office of International Services (OIS) promotes internationalization through global and university engagement and enhances the success of students, scholars, and staff by facilitating understanding and compliance of federal immigration regulations and university policies. OIS handles immigration matters for all international researchers and scholars at USF.

Connect with OIS! For general question, email immigration processing @usf.edu or call (813) 974-5102.

Libraries

USF has libraries on each campus housing books, journals, newspapers, government documents, micro-format materials and audiovisual resources. Services include reference and information services, interlibrary loans and copying facilities.

- x Tampa campus
- x <u>USF Health</u>

- x St. Petersburg campus
- x Sarasota-Manatee campus

Learning and Talent Development

Offering training, workshops and seminars, <u>Learning and Talent Management</u>, a department of Human Resources, provides the systems and tools to develop the right people for the right positions to achieve mission success.

For questions, email: training@usf.edu or call at (813) 974-3090.

Ombuds Office

The Ombuds Office at the University of South Florida is a confidential, impartial, independent and informal resource that directly support all valued faculty, staff and administrators throughout the USF community. The mission of the Ombuds Office empowering your success by independently enabling informal, confidential and neutral resolution of workplace conflicts and concerns.

To make an appointment, email omb@usf.edu or call (813) 974-7777.

Title IX

USF's commitment to maintaining an inclusive campus environment that is free from harassment, discrimination, and violence is a cornerstone of 86) ¶ V 3 L O O D U V R USE Roles not Collective sex discrimination, sexual harassment, or sexual violence of any kind. Any student, faculty, or staff member with questions or concerns about the applicable University policies or who believes that they have been the victim of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, or sexual violence is encouraged to contact the Title IX Office.

Get immediate Title IX assistance, please contact one of the Title IX Coordinators.

Office of Veteran Success

The Office of Veteran Success provides specialized programs and services to over 2,000 veterans, eligible dependents, active duty service members, and members of the Selected Reserve on all three USF campuses.

Connect with the Office of Veteran Success by email at ovs@usf.edu or call

USF Research Resources

USF Research & Innovation

USF Safety & Transportation

Campus Bus Service (Bull Runner)

The <u>USF Bull Runner</u> bus service on the Tampa campus is available to employees upon showing your USF ID card. This service also has a route that runs just off campus circling around several apartment complexes located on 42nd Street. Track buses in real time using <u>BullTracker</u>.

Transportation Options

Parking & Transportation Services has other options for commuters, including carpools, van pools, bicycle and Emergency Ride Home in conjunction with Tampa Bay Public Transportation. For more information about the transportation options available to faculty and staff, please visit the <u>Transportation Options</u> page on the Parking & Transportation Services website.

University Police

USF Campus Resources

Athletics ±USF Bulls

Faculty and staff are welcome to attend athletic sporting events for the USF Bulls baseball, basketball, football, volleyball, tennis, soccer, and more. The <u>USF Athletics Department website</u> contains information on game schedules and tickets. USF is part of the <u>American Athletic Conference</u>.

FUN FACT: USF Bulls football games are played at Raymond James Stadium, home of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers!

ATM (Cash Machine) Access

ATMs provided by <u>USF Federal Credit Union</u> are located on all USF campuses, including the Marshall Student Center, Library, Rec Center, and the USF Health Medical Center on the Tampa campus, the University Student Center on the St. Petersburg campus, and the Neal Auditorium on the Sarasota-Manatee campus. The <u>Ides Federal Credit Union website</u> contains a full list of ATM locations.

USF Bookstores

USF Follett Bookstores are located on each campus and provides support to the academic endeavors of the students and faculty as well as enriches the spirit of USF for all who are associated with the university. Each bookstore is both a brick-and-mortar store on campus and a virtual store on the web.

- x Tampa Campus Bookstore
- x USF Health Bookstore

- x St. Petersburg Campus Bookstore
- x Sarasota-Manatee Campus Bookstore

Botanical Gardens

Located on the USF Tampa campus, the <u>Botanical Gardens</u>, housed within the <u>School of Geosciences</u> in the <u>College of Arts and Sciences</u>, serve the education and research needs of the university and provide education, recreation and volunteer opportunities for the university and Tampa Bay Area communities. With over 30,000 visitors annually, the Gardens have welcomed visitors from over 70 Florida cities, 32 states and 13-7()-22(1(G)-4(2u7()nti)-3)

Campus Maps

Parking and Transportation Services provides a variety of <u>static and interactive maps</u> to help you locate buildings, identify parking options, and track the Bull Runner Shuttle, so you can get where you need to on the <u>Tampa</u>, <u>St.</u> Petersburg

Dining Services

USF offers a wide variety of dining service options available across campuses. Please visit the <u>Dining Services</u> website for a list of dining options, locations, hours of operation, and more. Meal plans and Bulls Bucks are available to faculty and staff as well.

Mail Services

The <u>USF Post Office</u> is located on the Tampa campus on USF Holly Drive, near the water tower and across the street from the theatre building. Inter-office mail requires a name, department and a mail stop. Outgoing mail is processed by the USF Post Office; personal mail must be deposited in a blue mail box or at the Post Office. Postage stamps are available at the USF Post Office. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Call (813) 974-2606. The following services are provided at the prices charged by the United States Postal Service:

x Domestic and International Mail

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Tampa Bay Area Resources

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Banking

A variety of full-service banks is located in the immediate vicinity of the university on each campus; USF employees receive special banking privileges at the USF Federal Credit Union.

Citizens Guide

Find out about community resources, services, activities and programs available to Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Sarasota citizens from kids to seniors. Look here for everything you need to know about living in these cities.

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- x St. Petersburg
- x Sarasota

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Information

The Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles website provides answers to frequently asked TXHVWLRQV UHJDUGLQJ GULYHUV¶ OLKHWONO O link to office locations in the area. International and out-of-state license holders must visit a Department license.

Food & Drink

Tampa Bay is famous for its fresh Florida seafood, but the area offers a wide variety of cuisines to suit just about any taste. From authentic Cajun cooking to Middle Eastern delights, upscale gourmet to casual family dining, you're sure to find something great to tempt your taste buds! Visit Tampa Bay is just one option for searching the abundant eateries located in the Tampa Bay area. Also, do not forget to visit our **Bulls Country** partners for discounts!

Local Newspapers

The Tampa Bay Times provides a source for news, weather, community events, entertainment and dining in the Tampa Bay area, including Tampa and St. Petersburg. The Sarasota Herald-Times is a source for news, weather, community events, entertainment and dining from Sarasota-Manatee and across the state.

Radio & Television, Cable, Internet

Local cable and internet companies:

- x Frontier Communications
- x Spectrum
- x Verizon FIOS (Internet only)

Local television channels:

- x WUSF-TV Channel 16 (PBS) ± 86)¶V Public Broadcasting Station
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 - x WFLA-TV Channel 8 (NBC)
 - x WFTS-TV Channel 28 (ABC)
 - WTSP-TV Channel 10 (CBS)
 - x WTVT-TV Channel 13 (MyFOX)

Local radio stations:

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> For more information on the local radio stations, please visit the Radio Lineup website.

Tampa Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau

The Tampa Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau KLJKOLJKW WKH DUHD¶V FXOWXUDO attractions. Museums, state parks, area beaches and theme parks are featured on this site.

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Tampa Bay Cultural and Outdoor Activities

Bok Tower Gardens

Mote Marine Laboratory & Museum

Come meet our fish ² and our scientists. <u>Mote Aquarium</u> is your window into the ocean, featuring more than 100 species of <u>marine animals</u> and showcasing working laboratories where real scientific research happens. Discover our amazing oceans by visiting our <u>135,000-gallon shark habitat</u>, meeting our resident <u>manatees</u> and <u>sea turtles</u>, and exploring coral reefs and other ecosystem displays teeming with diverse fishes, cool crustaceans and gracefully drifting sea jellies. Explore our wild watershed through habitats featuring energetic <u>river otters</u>, along with toothy <u>crocodilians</u> such as alligators and caimans.

Salvador Dali Museum

Visit the world's most comprehensive collection of works by the Spanish surrealist at the <u>Salvador Dali Museum</u>. Located in downtown St. Petersburg, near the USF St. Petersburg campus.

St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts

The Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg, Florida was founded by Margaret Acheson Stuart (1896-1980) and reflects her vision of providing outstanding examples of world art in an inviting, elegant setting. The MFA, a city landmark, opened to the public in 1965 the first art museum in St. Petersburg located on the downtown waterfront. The collection spans 5,000 years and over 20,000 works, with artists like Claude Monet and Georgia O'Keeffe, and the finest photography collection in the Southeast.

St. Pete Pier

The St. Pete Pier is a gleaming new attraction on the FLW\¶V SLFWXUHVTXH ZDWHUIURQW , WV EHDXWLIXO DFUHV seamlessly combine the peaceful blue waters of Tampa Bay with the vibrant greenery of downtown 6 W 3 HWHUVEXUJir¶g\thesuBirdatte\place to HDW stroll, bike, dine, drink, shop, swim, take in a concert and more.

Tampa Museum of Art

Founded in 1920, the <u>Tampa Museum of Art</u> inspires the residents of the Tampa Bay region and others

Tampa Bay Entertainment and Sports

Amalie Arena ±Home of the Tampa Bay Lightning

Home of the <u>Tampa Bay Lightning</u>, the <u>Amalie Arena</u> is the jewel of downtown Tampa. The arena features state-of-the-art technology and innovative design, which combines to make the Amalie Arena one of the finest facilities in North America. In addition to NHL hockey, the Amalie Arena hosts <u>more than 150 events annually</u>, including concerts, family events, ice shows, the circus and indoor sports.

Armature Works

Armature Works is a fully restored mixed-use building that breathes new life into the historic Tampa Heights neighborhood. With its unobstructed view of the Hillsborough River, the historic structure has been reinvented as a premier community destination with innovative eateries, Heights Public Market, reimagined event spaces and an exclusive coworking space.

Busch Gardens

<u>Busch Gardens</u> is the ultimate family adventure park offering an array of fascinating attractions based on exotic encounters with the African continent. A unique blend of thrilling rides, one of the country's premier zoos featuring more than 2,700 animals, live shows, restaurants, shops and games, Busch Gardens provides unrivaled "real" excitement for guests of every age.

Raymond James Stadium ±Home of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers

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Outback Bowl, as well as concerts and special events. Na P H G W K H 1)/¶ V E H V W V W D G L X P L Q P X O W L S O H surveys by major publications and by the NFL Players
Association, Raymond James Stadium hosted Super Bowl LV in 2021.

Sparkman Wharf

Located along the Garrison Channel in downtown Tampa, Sparkman Wharf combines re-imagined waterfront loft-style office space with refreshed ground-level retail nestled in a park-like environment, which features an intimate dining garden, biergarten and lawn for play and relaxation. The Florida Aquarium is adjacent to Sparkman Wharf.

Tropicana Field ±Home of the Tampa Bay Rays

The <u>Tampa Bay Rays</u> are a Major League Baseball franch3 78.1(B)4(as)-3(T)-15(hiQ EMC /P &MCID 49>BDC q0.000