

# THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

## Mission

The University of South Florida is a multi-campus national research university that supports the development of the metropolitan Tampa Bay Region, Florida, the United States and the world. Building upon unique strengths inherent in Florida's population, location, and natural resources, the university is dedicated to excellence in:

- Teaching and lifelong learning in a student-centered environment
- Research to advance knowledge and promote social, cultural, economic, educational, health, and technological development
- Service based on academic excellence and the ethic of community responsibility
- Community engagement to build university-community partnerships and collaborations

## Goals

The University of South Florida will continue to expand its influence as a premier research university through:

- Strengthened research, creative, and scholarly endeavors
- Improved undergraduate and graduate academic programs that promote intellectual development and student success through a diverse, student-centered environment
- Engaged service that strengthens cultural and community life, and promotes lifelong learning and economic opportunity
- Increased fiscal self-sufficiency and appropriate state support

## Values

The University of South Florida values:

- Teaching, research and service based on the highest standards of discovery, creativity, and intellectual attainment
- Development of the personal and professional potential of students, faculty, and staff, and enriching the quality of campus life
- An ethic of collegiality based on integrity, civility, academic freedom, professional responsibility, and collaboration among disciplines and units
- Access to an excellent education
- University/community engagement that increases the understanding of urban issues and advances community development
- Cultural and ethnic diversity and global understanding

## Vision

The University of South Florida envisions itself as a premier national research university that serves the metropolitan Tampa Bay Region, Florida, and the nation through:

- Excellent undergraduate and graduate instruction in a student-centered environment
- Creative, innovative, engaged scholarly endeavors, and the furthering of advanced knowledge
- Education that promotes freedom, unity, democracy, and understanding in the presence of our Nation's historical diversity
- Generation and dissemination of knowledge to strengthen our society and the environment
- Greater fiscal self-reliance.