

The University of South Florida (USF), established in 1956, is a comprehensive multi-campus public research university serving more than 47,000 students, one of the largest universities in the nation. USF has also had phenomenal growth in research and sponsored programs awards over the last decade. The Chronicle of Higher Education identifies that USF grew significantly more rapidly during this time than any other university in terms of federal research expenditures. More recently, USF ranks as one of the nation's top 63 public research universities, and additionally is one of only 25 public research universities nationwide with very high research activity designated as **community engaged** by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The National Science Foundation now ranks USF 44th in total research expenditures and 38th in federal research expenditures among public universities nationally. Behind much of this rapid growth is related to the programs and activities at USF Health. USF Health is committed to the full spectrum of health and research, education and healthcare missions accomplished with creative educational models, focused on emerging fields of research, and breaking the boundaries of traditional healthcare delivery systems to meet the changing needs of a growing community and state. USF Health is comprised of the Morsani College of Medicine, the College of Nursing, the College of Public Health, the College of Pharmacy and the School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitative Sciences. USF Health is organized under a Senior Vice President and under this leadership and with the active participation of Deans of each College/School, these five academic units have deliberately and strategically pursued a shared, collaborative and interdisciplinary approach to intraprofessional education and patient care, and cross-disciplinary research. This approach has proven to be a highly

successful model in transforming education, research and patient care missions at USF Health. In 2010-11, USF Health reported more than \$260 million in research and sponsored program awards (up from \$85 million from 2001-02), now representing more than 68 % of the total for the University. A College of Pharmacy was created during this time, and a significant expansion of education and research programs has occurred in all USF Health Colleges. Pursuing innovative and entrepreneurial programs across USF Health has led to its growth as will which will be demonstrated in this proposal.

The University/USF Health has the capacity to provide the needed oversight and compliance requirements of research and sponsored programs awarded to it, including those that are large, multidisciplinary and that involve numerous community partners. Through the USF Office of Research and Innovation (ORI), the Divisions of Sponsored Research, Research Integrity and Compliance, and Research Financial Management provide the official oversight for awards granted to the University. To support and augment the ORI, the USF Health Office of Research provides a robust research administration program developed over the last decade to manage its rapidly expanding portfolio of awarded federal and other research and sponsored programs. It is a distributed model of shared oversight with ORI that includes each of the USF Health Colleges/School. The USF Health Office of Research provides both pre- and post award management along with offices in each of the five Colleges. These offices deliver initial development and processing of proposals along with related oversight. USF Health, with its five Colleges, works closely and collaboratively with the USF ORI, thus providing important and essential research oversight to all awards that are directed to units of USF Health.