

## **FACILITIES & RESOURCES**

### **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

**The University of South Florida (USF)** is a high-impact, global research university dedicated to student success. USF was established in 1956 as a public university and is a comprehensive multi-campus research university serving more than 47,000 students. The USF System is an evolving multi-campus system of higher education with fiscally autonomous, yet complementary, independently accredited institutions located in Tampa (including USF Health), St. Petersburg, and Sarasota-Manatee. USF is home to medical clinics and hospitals, a major mental health research institute, and two public broadcasting stations. The university employs more than 1800 full-time instructional faculty and over 7,000 full-time staff. It has a \$1.7 billion annual budget, and an annual economic impact of \$4.4 billion. USF has numerous research and health care partnerships through affiliation agreements with hospitals and not-for-profit organizations in the metropolitan Tampa Bay area. Some of these relationships were coordinated by USF's Tampa Bay Technology Incubator in the USF Research Park of Tampa Bay, which was named *Emerging Research Park of the Year* in 2008 by the Association of University Research Parks. USF affiliates include the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Bay Pines Veterans Hospital, Tampa General Hospital, All Children's Hospital and Bayfront Medical Center, Shriner's Children's Hospital, Florida Hospital, the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute, and the U.S. Geological Survey.

USF is one of the nation's top 73 public research very high universities and one of 40 public research universities nationwide with very high research activity that is designated as the community engaged by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. USF is recognized as one of the top three research Institutions in the State University System with a robust funding profile. Currently, USF has over 60 awards totaling over 105 million in NIH-sponsored research support.

### **College of Arts and Sciences (Eric Eisenberg, Dean)**

The College of Arts and Sciences is the intellectual heart of the University of South Florida. We are a community of teachers and scholars united in the belief that broadly educated people are the basis of a just, free, and prosperous society. By focusing on the big questions facing all of humanity, we prepare students for successful, socially responsible personal and professional lives. By conducting innovative, interdisciplinary research and scholarship, we advance knowledge in ways that prepare us to address complex social and scientific problems and enhance the quality of life for people and communities. The USF College of Arts and Sciences has an operating budget of approx. \$90 million and has received more than \$22 million in grant funding.

### **Department of Psychology - College of Arts and Sciences**

The USF Psychology Department is home to more than 1,900 undergraduate and 100 graduate students. Our community also includes 12 administrative staff and academic advisors and over 50 core, affiliated, and emeritus faculty members. Yes, we are one of the largest departments at USF

The field of psychology is a major backbone of science, encompassing extraordinarily diverse topics including mental health, physical health, child psychology, cognition, memory, learning, neuroscience, industrial psychology, organizational psychology, management, psychology of work, animal science, social and personality psychology, human factors, law, and so on. The USF Psychology Department has been awarded to date approx. 12.8 million in grant funding from various agencies.

**DARC (Disinhibition and Affect Regulation Clinical)** - The DARC Lab engages in multilevel examinations of risk factors and antecedents of criminal behavior, psychopathy, substance use and violence. Some of our work considers biological (e.g., genes, neurophysiology) and psychosocial factors (e.g., stress, early adversity) involved in the development and maintenance of such problems. At another level, we have begun to address intervention, prevention, and structural factors in regard to pathways to incarceration and recidivism, as well as intersections between mental health and criminal justice system involvement.

**DEPTH (Disordered Eating Prevention, Treatment & Health)**-The DEPTH Lab investigates psychosocial correlates, predictors, and moderators of disordered eating behaviors and outcomes (e.g., dieting behavior, overeating behavior, problematic exercise, weight status) among adolescents and young adults. We are

interested in these processes among healthy, pediatric populations (e.g., type 1 diabetes, bariatric surgery patients), and athlete. Moderators of interest include gender, age, athletic identity

**Occupational Health Psychology** – Occupational Psychology explores the stressors which occur at work (hostile work environment, harassment) as well as work avoidance, theft and work sabotage and the behaviors behind damaging activities.

**ASPL (The Alliance and Suicide Prevention)** - The ASPL focuses on the evaluation/improvement of mental health services/systems. The lab collaborates with the University of Central Florida on two state-wide suicide prevention grants, each with several aims. Projects include developing, improving, and evaluating suicide prevention trainings for laypeople and mental health professionals.

**Experimental Existential Psychology** - EEP explores the use of experimental methods to research social psychological questions of an existential nature. Some problems of interest to this lab are how people manage concerns associated with mortality and how and why people objectify women. EEP is also conducting research examining health applications associated with these directions.

**TRIP (Tobacco Research and Intervention Program)** Moffitt's Tobacco Research & Intervention Program (TRIP) is directed by Thomas Brandon, a clinical psychologist with an appointment in USF's Psychology Department. TRIP also includes several other faculty members, as well as staff, postdocs, clinical psychology graduate students, and undergraduate research interns. Research ranges from basic behavioral studies through national clinical trials of smoking cessation interventions.