

# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA POINTS OF PRIDE

## NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS

- USF rose to #45 among public universities and #89 among all public and private universities in the 2024 *U.S. News & World Report* (USNWR) National University Rankings.
- USF ranks 35th among U.S. public institutions (marking the tenth consecutive year ranked in the top 50) and in the top 250 best universities in the world according to the 2024 *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings.
- The University of South Florida is home to a student body of 48,732 students representing over 146 different countries.
- According to the *Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International* (AACSB) Accredited (ARWU), USF Tampa ranks #52 of the best U.S. public colleges and universities (2022).
- According to the most recently published *Times Higher Education* (THE) report, USF Tampa remains ranked as a top 50 university among public institutions and is now ranked in the top 50 among all institutions (2020).
- USF ranks to 24th among public institutions and 53rd among all institutions according to the 2023 *U.S. News & World Report* (USNWR) National University Rankings.
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## STUDENT SUCCESS

- The *Forbes* ranked USF in the top 50 best value college among public institutions for providing students with high-quality education and career readiness at an affordable cost (2021).
- USF is ranked among the best in the 2023 *U.S. News & World Report* Best Value Colleges list.



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## STUDENT SUCCESS (CONT.)

- USF's graduate-level programs continue to be ranked among the best, according to the 2024 *U.S. News & World Report* (USNWR) Graduate School Rankings. USF graduate programs in the top 50 include:
  - Industrial and Organizational Psychology (#3)
  - Physical Therapy (#33)
  - Criminology (#18)
  - Nursing – Doctor of Nursing Practice (#34)
  - Audiology (#22)
  - Nursing – Anesthesia (#36)
  - Nursing – Master's (#24)
  - Rehabilitation Counseling (#46)
  - Library and Information Studies (#27)
  - Education – Overall –(#48)
  - Public Health (#29)
- USF Tampa is ranked #9 in the nation and #5 among institutions in the south in the 2023 *Entrepreneur* Best Graduate Entrepreneurship program rankings.
- *U.S. News & World Report* (USNWR) ranked USF Tampa as a Best College for Veterans (2023).
- USF is one of only 18 universities in the nation selected as a Tillman Partnership University of the Pat Tillman Foundation, a selection based on innovative veteran-specific support services and proven culture of community for military families.
- USF was designated as a Voter Friendly Campus two years in a row ([voterfriendlycampus.org](http://voterfriendlycampus.org), 2021-22, 2023-24).
- For the second consecutive time, the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge has recognized USF by awarding the Highly Established Action Plan Seal for a strong action plan to increase nonpartisan democratic engagement by promoting civic learning, political engagement, and college student voter participation (2024).

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## FACULTY SUCCESS

- USF faculty continue to earn national and international recognition. USF faculty earned 134 national and international awards in 2022.
- The *Chronicle of Higher Education* ranked USF among the top 10 institutions in the nation for Top Producer of Fulbright Scholars, with 8 faculty scholars for the 2023-2024 academic year.
- In *American Business Excellence*, USF ranks No. 21 out of 100 public and private employers across a wide array of industries and No. 2 among higher education institutions.
- In 2022, 6 USF faculty were elected Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), which is recognized as one of the world's most prestigious honors for academic research. USF has a total of 93 AAAS Fellows among its faculty over the past 20 years.
- USF is among America's best employers for women, according to a new list published by Forbes. USF ranks No. 15 on the list, which includes employers across a wide range of industries (2023).
- The USF Chapter of the NAI has over 600 USF faculty, staff, students and alumni members, who collectively hold more than 2,900 U.S. patents (2022).



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## RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- USF's innovation and economic development efforts generate more than \$582 million in statewide

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- USF is the founder and home of the [National Academy of Inventors](http://AcademyofInventors.org) (NAI) (AcademyofInventors.org), a non-profit member organization with over 4,600 individual inventor members and Fellows spanning more than 300 U.S. universities, and governmental and non-profit research institutes. The NAI's



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## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- USF is one of 80 public research universities nationwide classified by the Carnegie Foundation as both a Doctoral University with “Very High Research Activity” and as a “Community Engaged” institution by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. The title of “Very High Research Activity” is a distinction attained by less than 4% of all post-secondary institutions. USF is one of four public universities in the state of Florida classified as such (2023).
  - USF was recognized as a Silver Rated Institution in the 2022, *U.S. News & World Report*.
  - USF is featured in *U.S. News & World Report*’s Guide to Green Colleges as an institution of higher education that demonstrates a strong commitment to sustainability in its academic offerings, campus infrastructure, activities, and career preparation (2023).
  - USF had a total economic impact of \$6.02 billion in fiscal 2019-20.
  - With 16,277 employees, USF is the 14th largest public employer in Florida.
  - In the 2019-20 fiscal year, USF-related direct spending, together with ripple effects, supported 68,704 jobs in Florida.
  - USF spending generated more than \$600 million in federal, state and local tax revenue.
  - The university amassed a record total of \$535.4 million in research contracts and grants, building a powerful research and innovation enterprise that produces new knowledge and technologies.
- U.S. News & World Report*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *U.S. News & World Report* (2024).
- U.S. News & World Report*’s *U.S. News & World Report* Impact Rankings place USF in the top 8 overall in the U.S. for its sustainable development, also leading for its efforts to end poverty, protect oceans and to strengthen partnerships throughout the world (2023).

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## ATHLETICS

- USF Athletics serves nearly 500 student-athletes that train and compete in the athletic district located on the east end of the Tampa campus.
- USF fields 21 men's and women's varsity teams competing in 11 different sports, 20 at the NCAA Division I level in the American Athletic Conference. USF most recently added women's lacrosse and beach volleyball to its varsity sports offerings.
- USF has claimed 16 national championships in varsity athletics, 15 by individuals and one team title as the women's swimming team won the 1985 NCAA Division II national championship. Most recently, high jumper Romaine Beckford won NCAA Championships in the high jump in both the indoor and outdoor championships.
- USF has won 28 conference titles since joining the American Athletic Conference in 2013, including six



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- USF football celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2021 and is the fastest program in the state of Florida to reach 150 wins. The Bulls spent a program-record of 20 straight weeks ranked in the Top 25 during the 2016 and 2017 seasons and reached as high as No. 2 in the national rankings during the 2007 season.
- Bulls have earned 23 Academic All-American honors, including four student-athletes that were twice honored.
- USF Athletics has posted a combined grade-point average over 3.0 for eight straight years and is currently in the midst of a program record string of 17 straight semesters with a combined GPA over 3.0.
- USF has seen more than 600 student-athletes earn their degree since 2016-17.
- Prior to the pandemic, USF student-athletes, coaches and staff contributed 4,277 hours of community service in a year and logged more than 14,000 hours over a three-year period.
- The Lee Roy Selmon Athletic Center is the hub of USF Athletics and includes state-of-the-art space for academic support services, life skills training, mentoring and team-building.
- USF has invested nearly \$100 million in renovating and maintaining some of the top athletic facilities in the nation, including the recent completion of a \$22 million Indoor Performance Facility that opened in the spring of 2023 and a master facilities plan that includes upgrades to all athletic facilities as USF creates one of the best athletic campuses in the nation.
- In September of 2021, USF Board of Trustees Chair Will Weatherford announced the university's intention to build an on-campus football stadium. Funding for the \$340-million, 35,000-seat stadium was approved by the Florida Board of Governors in the fall of 2023 and the stadium is set to open on the east end of campus in the 2026 season.
- USF student support is a big part of the Bulls' athletics success with an average of nearly 8,000 students per game attending home football games in recent seasons, including more than 10,000



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