Congratulations on your offer of admission!

With this offer of admission we invite you to join a unique community of scholars at USF – innovative, global, and involved. USF is committed to graduate education through cutting-edge research, relevant courses and internships, and real-world career preparation. Among universities world-wide, we recently ranked 10th among universities granting U.S. patents and 110th in a ranking of faculty publications. So, at USF you will be working with professors who are prominent in their fields and dedicated to your education.

Rated as a “Top Producer” of Fulbright Scholarships, USF’s student body represents 130 different countries and is one of the 40 most diverse public universities in the country. So, you will be learning alongside classmates who bring a wide range of perspectives to your educational experience.

On behalf of our graduate faculty, I congratulate you and hope that you will select USF as your next academic home.

Sincerely,
Dr. Dwayne Smith, Dean of Graduate Studies

Welcome to USF!

Your offer of admission is your invitation to attend one of the top public research universities in the United States – and we hope you will join our ranks! As USF’s Vice Provost for Student Success, I coordinate key areas that impact your experiences, most notably the offices of admissions, university scholarships and financial aid services, and registration. I work closely with faculty and professional colleagues to ensure that students get the support they need to achieve academic, personal, and career success.

As you move into this final stage of the university selection process, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns that we might address. Contact information is available in this guide. I wish you success in your graduate career.

Sincerely,
Dr. Paul Dosal, Vice Provost for Student Success

WHY CHOOSE THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA?

One of only 108 designated Tier 1 universities in the U.S. out of 4,604 universities (Carneigie Foundation)

Ranked Top 100 in the U.S. and among the Top 250 universities worldwide (Bhiny Higher Education Rankings, 2017-2018)

10th “up and coming university” in the U.S. (U.S. News & World Report, 2014)

15th world-wide among all universities granted U.S. patents in 2013 (Intellectual Property Owners Association)

Top 50 Research University in the U.S. (National Science Foundation, 2013)

A Top 100 Best Value in Public Colleges (Kiplinger’s Personal Finance, 2013)

 Ranked 110 among all of the world’s universities in ranking of faculty publications (High Impact Universities, 2010)

Top 40 on the list of most diverse public universities in the U.S. (U.S. News & World Report, 2012)

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Among the top 100 best colleges and universities in the world. (Academic Ranking of World Universities, 2012)

Ranked 110 among all of the world’s universities in ranking of faculty publications (High Impact Universities, 2010)

14th “up and coming university” in the U.S. (U.S. News & World Report, 2014)

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Activate your USF NetID and Email Account
If you haven’t already done so, visit my.usf.edu and activate your USF NetID and USF email address. Your USF email address will be used by all University offices for official communications, so check it for important information.

Verify Personal Information & Residency Status and Access Your University ID (UID)
Check the accuracy of all personal information and residency status on the letter that offered you admission to USF. You can update your personal information by logging in to my.usf.edu and navigating to OASIS. Make certain your address, telephone number and email addresses are current so you will receive important and timely communications from USF. Residency determines the tuition rate you pay. For details go to my.usf.edu/admissions/florida-residency.html.

Contact Your Program to Confirm Your Acceptance
Some graduate programs or departments require enrollment confirmation, additional information, or your attendance at a special orientation session to secure a place in the program. In some cases there is a strict deadline for this, so contact your program for further instructions.

Explore Funding Opportunities
Many different scholarships, fellowships and grants are available for USF graduate students. Since some restrictions may apply, review requirements, application deadlines and awards at grad.usf.edu/scholarships.php and contact your department for information about assistance they may offer. Finally, explore research funding opportunities or grad.usf.edu/opportunities-for-gradstudent.php.

Apply for Housing and Meal Plan
On-campus housing and meal plans are available for individual graduate students and families in the Magnolia Apartments. Housing assignments are made based on the date you submitted a completed housing application. You will be required to submit a separate SGD application fee and a SGD prepayment. Visit usf.edu/housing for more information. Details on off-campus housing may be found at myideallpace.com/accounts/ustmp.

Submit Immunization & Medical History Forms
USF requires all new students to submit and sign the official USF Medical History form and provide proof of immunizations to Student Health Services in order to register for classes. Students living on campus must provide evidence of meningitis vaccination in order to receive a housing assignment. Students with international addresses at time of admission must also complete the tuberculosis screening within the last 6 months prior to attending classes.

To learn more, visit shs.usf.edu.

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Finalize Provisional Admission
If you were admitted provisionally pending our receipt of an official or final transcript, test score or other document, be sure to have them sent to the Office of Admissions as soon as possible and no later than the first day of classes.

Contact Your Advisor or Program Director to Select Courses
Determine which courses you should take in your first semester by consulting with your program. Some programs require an advisor’s approval before you can register. Be sure you have met course prerequisites when selecting courses. Some courses are restricted and require department approval to fill a “hold” on the course.

Register for Classes
USF does not require an admission deposit to confirm your attendance. Register as soon as the registration period is open to secure your place in the program and in the courses you will need. Payment for courses is not due until the first week of classes. View available courses at registrar.usf.edu/search/search.php.

Register for Orientation
Before the start of the fall and spring semesters, the Office of Graduate Studies provides an orientation program to welcome and inform new students. This is an opportunity for new graduate students to learn about university services, academic resources, policies and procedures, departmental information, and campus organizations. Register at grad.usf.edu/orientation.php. Your department or college may require you to attend a department or orientation session that they sponsor. Please consult your program for details.

Review Tuition and Fee Information
Once you have registered for classes, check your account summary on my.usf.edu. Please note USF does not mail tuition or housing bills to students. You must go online to OASIS to determine your tuition and fees. You must pay your bill by the 5th day of the term (unless a tuition deferment is officially granted). For payment information, visit usf.edu/ucashiers/payinfo.asp. To receive tuition and fee information, visit my.usf.edu.

Obtain ID Card, Textbooks & Parking Services
Obtain your USF ID card from the USF Card Center in the Marshall Student Center. You may also purchase your textbooks and other related course materials from the USF Bookstore in person or at tampa.bncollege.com. Finally, if you plan to park or campus, purchase your USF parking permit online through usf.edu/parking_services.

We’re just a call (or click) away!
To the right are a few phone numbers and web addresses you may find helpful as you’re getting prepared to join the USF community.

Housing & Residential Education
Phone: (813) 974-0001
Fax: (813) 974-5152
usf.edu/housing

Office of Graduate Studies
Phone: (813) 974-2046
Fax: (813) 974-7562
grad.usf.edu

Office of Admissions
Phone: (813) 974-3350
Fax: (813) 974-9869
usf.edu/admissions

Student Employment at USF
usf.edu/about-usf/work-at-usf.aspx

Veterans Services
Phone: (813) 974-2281
veterans.usf.edu

University Scholarships & Financial Aid Services
Phone: (813) 974-4700
usf.edu/finalaid

Multicultural Affairs
Phone: (813) 974-5111
multicultural.usf.edu

Finalizing Your Admission Offer

• Notify Your Program of your Intention to Enroll
• Submit Outstanding Admission Documents
In order to expedite the process of your application, unofficial or incomplete documents may have been used to make a provisional admission decision. If we have not received your official final, degree-granting transcript you must submit it (and official test scores for any required tests) by the first day of your semester of entry.

• Enroll
Registering completes your admission. After the registration period opens, visit my.usf.edu and log in with your Net ID credentials. Then select “OASIS” from the “My Resources” tab. Once in OASIS, select “Student” then “Registration,” and finally “Register, Add or Drop Classes.”