



The Tampa Bay Technology Incubator (TBTI) is one vehicle through which USF CONNECT grows successful companies. TBTI supports technology research as a catalyst for economic development and advocates the creation and development of facilities for high-technology companies and related support functions. One way TBTI is able to assist is by providing access to costly critical research equipment. Many companies originate in the community and seek our support to evolve their concepts to commercialization.



The Student Innovation Incubator (SII) is a shared workspace and a collaborative business environment for University of South Florida students from all graduate and undergraduate disciplines to create and grow new businesses. SII provides access to resources such as mentors, space, and business guidance to facilitate entrepreneurship and ignite job growth.



Florida's High Tech Corridor spans 23 counties in the central part of the state and is anchored by three research universities, including USF. Its mission is to grow high tech industry and innovation through partnerships that support research, marketing, workforce and entrepreneurship.



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The University of South Florida System provides the foundation through which USF CONNECT is able to unite technology and talent with businesses providing access to top-tier research, faculty, students, inventors, local organizations, economic development councils, supporting industry and capital funding sources.



If you would like more information on how to become a part of Tampa Bay's Innovative Ecosystem, visit [www.USFCONNECT.org](http://www.USFCONNECT.org)

## USF CONNECT IS THE EPICENTER OF TAMPA BAY'S INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM, A NETWORK OF INNOVATION-BASED COMPANIES, RESEARCH, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TOOLS, AND GOVERNMENT RESOURCES.

Our focus is to provide high-level expertise to Tampa Bay's technology and bio/life sciences entrepreneurs throughout the business life cycle. We provide the facilities, partners and resources for successful business development.

### TAMPA BAY TECHNOLOGY INCUBATOR (TBTI) BENEFITS

- Access to Scientific Equipment
- Experienced Mentors
- USF CONNECT Executives in Residence
- USF Resources and Amenities
- Professional Conference Rooms
- Network of TBTI Companies
- Access to USF Faculty, Staff and Interns
- Educational Seminars
- Networking Events

### USF STUDENT INNOVATION INCUBATOR (SII)

- SII provides access to collaborative business resources such as: experienced mentors, shared workspace, and business guidance to facilitate entrepreneurship.

### FLORIDA HIGH TECH CORRIDOR COUNCIL MATCHING GRANTS RESEARCH PROGRAM

- Companies in the 23-county region partnering with either USF, the University of Central Florida or the University of Florida faculty are eligible to request matching funds for applied research from The Corridor.
- The Corridor has partnered with more than 360 companies on more than 1,400 research projects.
- The Corridor's investment of more than \$65 million has contributed to more than \$1 billion in quantifiable downstream impacts.
- The Corridor has supported more than 2,800 graduate and doctoral students.
- Matching funds are available from 10,000 to \$150,000 and require a private sector partner providing at least a 2:1 cost match investment (cash and in-kind).