USF COVID-19 Rapid Response Research Grants
Call for Proposals
Submission Deadline: Monday, April 13, 2020 at 5:00 pm (EDT)

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The 3-6 month budget cap for this first round of awards is **$25,000**. Inclusion of matching funds (e.g., RIA funds, department funds, or in-kind contributions) are strongly encouraged and will be considered in the evaluation of proposals.

Proposals for the [USF COVID-19 Rapid Response Grant Program](#) may be submitted by full-time tenured/tenure-track and research faculty members at USF. **Principal Investigators must submit their proposal (electronic form) by Monday, April 13, 2020, at 5:00 pm (Eastern Daylight Time) through the dedicated website portal (will be available for proposal upload beginning Thursday, April 9, 2020 at** https://www.research.usf.edu/source-forms/module-w).

Notes:

- Accelerated submission deadline to address current pandemic
- Only one Full Proposal per lead PI will be accepted. Submit as PDF only.

Proposals must include the following:

- **Contact Information:** Provide contact information for the lead PI and Co-PI(s), including Chair and Dean/Director
- **Biosketch** for the PI and each Co-PI using NIH or NSF format (no more than two pages in length for each), plus one page listing current and pending funding for the PI and Co-PIs (links for biosketch examples https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm or https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/biosketch.jsp)
- **Proposal Description:** Present a detailed description of your proposal, no more than two (2) double spaced pages in length, including how this proposal aligns with the Call for Proposal key COVID-19 areas, potential for this research to improve public health, how the proposal can promote transdisciplinary collaboration now and/or in the future, why this proposal is novel, innovative, and/or inventive, and the capacity of the research to rapidly leverage external funding. (For the most up-to-date information on currently available external funding opportunities related to COVID-19, visit: https://www.usf.edu/research-innovation/sar/covid19-research.aspx)
- **Budget:** One-page budget for 3-6 months of funding (e.g., equipment, salary, benefits, etc.). Use the budget template found at the link below and upload your budget (Summary page only) as a PDF:
  https://www.usf.edu/research-innovation/train/documents/budget-preparation-tool.xlsx
- **Budget Justification**: Explain the need for each line item in the budget, including the breakdown of calculations used to arrive at the amount in each line.

If the specified application requirements, submission procedures, and all requested information are not provided, the proposal will not be considered for funding.

Upon review of these proposals, selected Principal Investigators will be notified if they are awarded. It is anticipated that award announcements will be made rapidly and no later than April 20, 2020. Funds will be released shortly after the award is announced and investigators must be prepared to begin projects immediately upon receipt of funding.