Research and Scholarship
The University of Southern Mississippi

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Vision
The University of Southern Mississippi will emerge as the premier research university of the Gulf South -- engaging and empowering individuals to transform lives and communities.

• USM has research facilities in Hattiesburg and on the Gulf Coast in Long Beach, Ocean Springs, and at the Stennis Space Center
A Carnegie Doctoral RU/H Institution, USM offers 75 different master’s, specialist’s, and doctoral degrees, graduates over 1,200 master’s students and award about 135 Ph.D. degrees each year.

How is Research defined at USM?
Publish or Perish

Publish and Flourish

Research Funding

- FY 2011 $ 77,865,692
- FY 2012 $ 63,362,807
- FY 2013 $ 52,196,381
- FY 2014 $ 58,790,269
- FY 2015 $ 72,997,943
In FY 2015:

$ 72,997,943 dollars awarded
24% increase in dollars awarded
563 proposals submitted
264 funded projects
100% proposals submitted for PIs who complied with deadline policy
27 ORA staff
0 audit findings
379 GR accounts closed
$283,380.76 increase in F&A recovered
$1,483,097.02 drop in AR

Office of the Vice President for Research

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Denise Casey - Executive Secretary
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Office of Research Integrity
Sam Bruton – Director and RIO
JoAnn Johnson – Responsible Conduct of Research

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
Frank Moore, Chair

Institutional Review Board (IRB)
Larry Hosman, Chair

Center for Undergraduate Research
Marie Danforth – Steering Committee Chair

Funding Agency Travel Program

Proposal Development Grants (April 15)
The Office of Technology Development

• Responsible for management of intellectual property and licensing resulting from University research and scholarly activity.

• Assists faculty and staff in DEVELOPING technology from basic research successes.

• Oversees patent and licensing agreements as well as sharing program with faculty.

• Works closely with MS Attorney General’s Office to ensure compliance.

• Guides MURA projects and staff-owned companies.

The Office of Research Integrity

• Facilitates compliance in the areas of animal care, human subjects, responsible conduct of research, environmental health and safety, radiation safety, biosafety, and export control.

• Serves the University’s research community through the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) program.

   To sustain this goal, the University has authorized mandatory education in the RCR for all Principal Investigators (PIs) and significant personnel participating in sponsored projects, including staff, postdoctoral fellows, graduate and undergraduate students.

• Conducts scholarly misconduct investigations.