

# Call for Nominations

## 2025 Excellence in Innovation Award

Deadline to submit nominations: **Sunday, February 16th, 2025 11:59PM**

### **Award Description:**

- The Excellence in Innovation Award recognizes USF faculty for exceptional achievement in translational research and/or innovation and its transfer to practice, industrial partnerships, and/or commercialization. The 2025 award focuses on achievements from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.
- Award recipients will receive a certificate, recognition at an awards ceremony, and \$7,000 deposited to their RIA account.

### **Eligibility:**

- Nominee must be a currently employed faculty member from any USF campus and must have been employed by USF full-time or part-time for the entire award period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023
- Innovations(s) submitted for the award nomination must have been achieved between January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023
- Previous recipients of this award within the past five years (2020–2024) are not eligible
- Past nominees from any year who were not selected must resubmit a new application highlighting their significant new achievements within the current award cycle timeframe (CY 2022–2023)
- Self-nominations are allowed, but must include a Letter of Nomination

### **Award Criteria (Achieved within the Award Time Frame, CY 2022–2023):**

- Documented evidence of development of new intellectual property (e.g., issued patent, invention disclosure)
- Documented evidence of entrepreneurial achievement(s) (e.g., a USF-based start-up company, development of a license agreement, or development of a working relationship with an established company)
- Documented evidence of commercialization of a USF-discovered product
- Documented evidence of other translational research and activities

### **Materials Required:**

- 1) Nomination Form
- 2) Description of Achievement(s): Limit 2 pages, 11 point font, single spaced, PDF format
- 3) Nominee's Full CV (PDF format)
- 4) Two Letters of Support
- 5) Confirmation of Nomination by Nominee's Chair/Dean

**Please submit all nomination materials through the  
InfoReady Portal**