

EXPLORE & RESTORE

EXPLORE AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY: RESTORE FUNDING AND USF RESEARCH

When: **Friday, August 16, 2013 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Where: **Marshall Student Center (MSC)**

Description: Through partnerships with organizations such as the Florida Institute of Oceanography, Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative consortia, and Gulf of Mexico University Research Collaborative, as well as state and federal agencies, USF's College of Marine Science has continued to enhance the university's reputations a global leader in applying science to society's needs through research, service, and the training of future scientists.

In order to maintain this position of leadership, however, it is critically important that USF stay on the forefront of the planning for new ocean observing initiatives in the Gulf.

Through the federal Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunity, and Revived Economies Act, Florida-based researchers in many disciplines including biology, business, chemistry, education, engineering, environmental science, geology, history, physical oceanography, public health, and robotics, to name only some, could be eligible to receive up to \$200 million or more funding for projects related to the Gulf region's recovery from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill and ongoing challenges such as loss of marine habitat, invasive species, climate change, and global sea level rise.

For USF, there RESTORE Act funds represent a historic opportunity to raise even further the university's stature as one of the nation's top research institution's while also contributing to the environmental and economical resurgence of our state, whose future always has been closely tied to the health of its environment, particularly the Gulf of Mexico.

So that we may together explore more fully the potential to expand USF's pivotal role in both studying and helping to manage this vital natural resource, please plan to attend a special Oceanography Summit on Friday, Aug. 16, from 9:00 am until noon in Marshall Student Center Room 3709.

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