

**The College of Engineering and the Morsani College of Medicine Create
a Department of Medical Engineering**

The new department will be home to USF's growing biomedical engineering program

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The success of the USF biomedical engineering (BME) graduate program, which has grown more than 50 percent over the last five years and is currently the largest BME graduate program in Florida, will lead to the launch of a bachelor's program in biomedical engineering at USF in the near future.

Robert Frisina, PhD, director of the Biomedical Engineering Program, will serve as interim chair of the Medical Engineering Department. An advisory group of National Academy members is being formed to help attract world class faculty to the new program.

The University of South Florida is a high-impact, global research university dedicated to student success. USF is a Top 25 research university among public institutions nationwide in total research expenditures, according to the National Science Foundation. Serving over 48,000 students, the USF System has an annual budget of \$1.2 billion.

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