The Vision

In October 2003, Florida Governor Jeb Bush announced plans to establish a major science center in Palm Beach County, Florida, focusing on biomedical research, technology development and drug design.

“Scripps is the brand name in biomedical research and we are honored they have chosen Florida to expand their current research facilities,” said Governor Bush. “Already known for breakthroughs for cancer and Alzheimer’s disease, this new bi-coastal presence will bring even greater opportunities for life-saving and life-enhancing research.”

Scripps Florida, a division of the nonprofit Scripps Research Institute, was officially established in early 2004, paving the way for many noteworthy achievements.


10 Years of Remarkable Accomplishments

Over the last 10 years, Scripps Florida has established deep roots in the Florida community, while fulfilling its mission as a nonprofit organization to advance biomedical research, improve human health and train the next generation of scientists. Some of the highlights include:

Establishing a World-Class Facility in State-of-the-Art Facilities

With start-up costs supported by a one-time $150 million grant of federal economic development funds by the State of Florida and additional support from Palm Beach County, Scripps Florida built 505,000-square-foot permanent biomedical research facilities in Jupiter, adjacent to Florida Atlantic University; Max Planck Florida later located across the street.

Scripps Florida's state-of-the-art biomedical research equipment includes an ultra-high-throughput robotics system—one of only a handful in the world—that can screen up to one million compounds a day for potential drug candidates.

Among Scripps Florida's more than 500 employees are renowned scientists who lead research at the forefront of their fields in cancer biology, chemistry, molecular therapeutics, infectious disease, neuroscience and metabolism and aging.

Contributing Critical Scientific Discoveries to Improve Human Health

Scripps Florida's research teams have already contributed a number of major breakthroughs. A few of these include:

- Making advances toward a blood test to diagnose Alzheimer's disease before symptoms appear
- Discovering a compound that might protect brain cells against Alzheimer's disease
- Identifying a pathway in the brain that regulates an individual's vulnerability to methamphetamine
- Uncovering a new mechanism for memory formation
- Showing a complex endpoint that shares the same addiction biochemical mechanism with cocaine and heroin abuse
- Discovering a novel family of drug candidates with potential for treating breast, skin and other cancers
- Discovering that a rare natural product has potent pain-killing properties
- Establishing a new class of anti-diabetic compounds

Producing Measurable Results

Scripps Florida research has resulted in:

- More than 600 publications in scientific journals
- More than 100 foreign and domestic patent applications
- 10 technology licences
- 5 spin-off companies
- More than $45 million in grants from the National Institutes of Health, foundations, individuals and other non-state sources
- Collaborations with other local institutions, including Florida Atlantic University, Florida State University, University of Miami, Max Planck Florida and the University of Miami

Anchoring an Emerging Biotech Cluster

Scripps Florida has paved the way for other nonprofit organizations and members of the biotech industry to join the region.

According to Enterprise Florida, before Scripps Florida arrived, the state had 50 biotech companies; today it has more than 200.

According to the 2012 Life Science Cluster Report, the biotechnology sector in Florida is expected to expand significantly in the next several years, due in major part to Scripps Florida, which has increased the profile of the region's life sciences community.

"What has struck me the most is the incredible sense of collaboration among the scientists here. Plus, the campus has advanced technological resources that are critical to our research here.\n\nScripps Florida is one of a kind research facility."  
EARL BRENNER, PhD  
Scientific Director, Department of Translations, Scripps Florida
Looking Ahead

These accomplishments lay the foundation for a bright future of research and education in Palm Beach County. Please join us by supporting the innovative work of scientists who have dedicated themselves to advancing the field of medicine and saving lives.

“Renato and I were immediately impressed by the power of The Scripps Research Institute to attract great researchers, provide them with the stimulating environment of a beehive, not a bureaucracy, and give them the freedom and encouragement to pursue their work without interference.”

ALEXANDER W. DREYFOOS, JR.,
Owner, Dreyfoos Group, and Scripps Florida Donor

“The Scripps Research Institute is recognized worldwide for discoveries that broadly span the life sciences and are furthering the goals of mankind to understand the processes of life.”

AMIN KHOURY,
Chairman of the Board and CEO, BAE Aerospace, Inc., and Trustee, The Scripps Research Institute

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MARGARET PINK,
Philanthropist and Trustee, The Scripps Research Institute

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