



***Morphogenesis, Inc. and the USF Health Taneja College of Pharmacy***

***Enter into an Exciting New Partnership***

Tampa, FL, July 15, 2020 – Morphogenesis, Inc., a clinical-stage biotechnology company based in Tampa, Florida, developing novel immunotherapies to treat patients with cancer, is excited to announce a new partnership with the University of South Florida Health (USF Health) Taneja College of Pharmacy (TCOP). Morphogenesis envisions a world without needless suffering and has the mission to discover, develop, and deliver innovative immunotherapies for the treatment of patients with cancer. This will be accomplished by working with organizations like the TCOP and meeting the highest scientific and clinical standards.

The affiliation agreement between the TCOP and Morphogenesis paves the way for a number of new educational, scientific, and clinical endeavors, including graduate internships for Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Nanotechnology (MSPN) students, advanced experiential learning opportunities for Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) students, and pre-clinical and clinical research collaborations. “We are excited about continuing our already growing relationship with the TCOP in a more meaningful and comprehensive way.” said Dr. Patricia D. Lawman, Ph.D., Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer at Morphogenesis, Inc.

Morphogenesis will also serve as the Co-Chair of the TCOP Industry Advisory Board alongside Dr. Shyam S. Mohapatra, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor and Associate Dean of Graduate Programs at the TCOP. As an additional point of pride, the team includes one of the TCOP's own alumni, Dr. Christopher E. Konig, Pharm.D., who serves as the Regulatory Affairs Manager at Morphogenesis. “The TCOP is pioneering this effort with biopharmaceutical companies, especially here in Tampa Bay. We at Morphogenesis are excited to lead the way,” said Dr. Konig.

The state of the art *USF Health in Water Street Tampa* building is the new home of the Morsani College of Medicine, TCOP, and Heart Institute, where physicians, pharmacists, and scientists of tomorrow will be trained together. Here, this new partnership with Morphogenesis creates an unprecedented opportunity to enrich interdisciplinary learning and forge a strong biopharmaceutical industry bond. Dr. Konig stated, “The MSPN Entrepreneurship Track has a Graduate Program Internship in Pharmaceutical Sciences and the PharmD Program has Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences across the spectrum of business functional areas and clinical practice settings. Prior to graduation, a growing number of TCOP students rotate in their final year at prominent industry stakeholders, such as regulatory authorities and biopharmaceutical companies. These crucial learning opportunities can expose rising professionals to new career perspectives.”

“The collaboration between Morphogenesis and the TCOP will provide a strong scaffolding upon which both organizations can bolster their goals and missions. There is a kindred spirit between us that has ingenuity, transformation, and human healing as foundations of our core values. I look forward to the growing relationship, and to expanding opportunities for joint research and learning,” said Dr. Kevin B. Sneed, Pharm.D., Senior Associate Vice President of USF Health and Dean of the TCOP.

**About Morphogenesis, Inc.**

Founded by Drs. Michael J.P. Lawman, Ph.D. (President) and Patricia D. Lawman, Ph.D. (Chief Executive Officer) and now celebrating its 25th Anniversary, Morphogenesis, Inc. is a clinical-stage biotechnology company based in Tampa, Florida, developing novel immunotherapies to treat patients with cancer. The clinical phase I trial of its lead biological product, IFx-Hu2.0, for the treatment of patients with cutaneous melanoma has successfully concluded at Moffitt Cancer Center ([NCT03655756](#)). In another clinical phase I trial, IFx-Hu2.0 is actively being investigated for the treatment of patients with Merkel cell carcinoma or cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma across National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the United States ([NCT04160065](#)). To learn more about Morphogenesis visit [morphogenesis-inc.com](http://morphogenesis-inc.com).

**About the University of South Florida Health Taneja College of Pharmacy**

In our pursuit and attainment of excellence, the TCOP is guided by its mission, vision, and values as it becomes the pacesetter for pharmacy education in an ever-changing healthcare field. The focus of the TCOP is excellence. We strive to educate and empower our pharmacy practitioners and professionals to be catalysts for change at all levels of health. In 2011, the TCOP admitted the first class of students, and today, we are proud of the progress made. From the innovative curriculum, research and educational advances, and dynamic leadership demonstrated by all, the TCOP is committed to excellence and growth. To learn more about the TCOP visit [health.usf.edu/pharmacy](http://health.usf.edu/pharmacy).

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