Innovation at Work
Florida

Total Direct and Indirect Economic Output of the Biopharmaceutical Sector
$31.2 billion

Total Employment Supported by the Biopharmaceutical Sector
148,449

A majority of Americans agree that even if it brings no immediate benefits, basic scientific research that advances the frontiers of knowledge is necessary and should be supported by the federal government.

Local Perspective: Stuart, FL
Doris Sanders, Alzheimer’s Association Advocate
"As caregiver for my husband, I personally experienced the tragedy of losing him to Alzheimer’s disease. Because there is no prevention, effective treatment or cure, it is imperative that Congress allocate funds for research to end this horrific disease.”

Research in the Sunshine State

University of Florida (UF), Gainesville, FL
Researchers have discovered that cells infected by a specific virus will become resistant to future infections by the same or closely related viruses. National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded researchers at UF are working to better understand and harness this function to prevent infections.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Gainesville and Tampa, FL
Huntington’s disease (HD) is a degenerative and ultimately fatal genetic disorder. Teva Pharmaceutical is conducting phase II clinical trials testing the safety and efficacy of a new treatment for HD.

Ponce School of Medicine-Moffitt Cancer Center (PSM-MCC) Partnership, Tampa, FL and Ponce, Puerto Rico
The PCM-MCC Partnership focuses on studying cancer in Hispanic populations. One specific study being conducted by this partnership seeks to identify genetic mutations associated with breast cancer that are specific to these populations.

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