



Dear USF community,

Thank you for your trust and patience as we work to recruit our next provost to the University of South Florida. This is one of the most important positions at the university and from the beginning we have been committed to a thorough search to find the right leader. We are pleased to provide a significant update on the process as well as invite your participation in our next steps.

As you know, in October our search committee brought forward four candidates for interviews and campus visits. Since that time, we have continued to search for additional candidates in partnership with our search firm, Storbeck Search. Today we are happy to share that our committee has selected a fifth candidate to advance to the next stage in the process: Prasant Mohapatra, Ph.D., vice chancellor for research at the University of California, Davis and professor in the Department of Computer Science. You can read more about Dr. Mohapatra's bio [here](#) and a more complete CV is [available here](#).

Dr. Mohapatra will be available for on-campus visits on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 10-11, providing several opportunities to engage with our stakeholders. We invite you to participate in these sessions and provide your feedback online after each town hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

- St. Petersburg campus town hall – 11 a.m. at the USC Ballroom
- Sarasota-Manatee campus town hall – 3:30 p.m. in A320A

Wednesday, Jan. 11

- Tampa campus town hall – 10 a.m. at the Patel Center for Global Solutions, room 136

Each town hall will also be live streamed. Links to view the live streams will be available on the [Provost Search website](#) beginning Tuesday morning.

We greatly appreciate your participation throughout this process and look forward to welcoming Dr. Mohapatra to our campuses next week.

Sincerely,

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