



## USF Confucius Institute Summary

### **Mission and Objectives:**

The USF Confucius Institute (CI) works with partners to provide support to K-16 Chinese language programs in Florida and promote cultural exchange. The CI support and services to USF and communities include:

- Providing academic support to USF (e.g., Department of World Languages)
- Sponsoring public lectures about Chinese culture and US-China relations
- Supporting K-12 Chinese programs through cultural events and summer camps
- Providing learning and teaching resources through the Chinese Cultural Center
- Hosting cultural events and performances for USF and Tampa Bay audiences
- Partnering with other organizations to improve cross-cultural understanding

### **Organizational Structure:**

- USF-CI is governed by the Board of Directors led by senior administrators of USF and Qingdao University (QU) and overseen by a USF System Vice President.
- USF-CI staff consists of the Director (USF employee and U.S. citizen), Associate Director (QU faculty and visiting scholar on two-year term), Office Manager (USF employee and permanent resident), two qualified Chinese language instructors from QU (who strictly follow curriculum designed by USF faculty), and student assistants.

### **Program and Fiscal Operations:**

- The CI annual plan is proposed based on the needs of USF and local communities, as well as K-12 schools with a Chinese language program (particularly with the three Confucius Classrooms); the plan is approved by USF and shared with the partners in China (QU and Hanban). Chinese language teachers at the three Confucius Classrooms are locally hired (US citizens or permanent residents).
- The CI programs (such as non-credit courses, cultural activities and public lectures) are listed on the CI website and the annual reports for 2011-2017 are available at <http://global.usf.edu/confucius/annualreport.php>.
- Less than half of the CI annual budget comes from the Hanban funds. The CI annual budget proposals and expense reports are submitted online, and have received both internal reviews and external audit.

More information about the USF-CI is available at <http://global.usf.edu/confucius>.