

Thank you for registering for Coastal Sediments 2019. The night of Tuesday, May 28 is an open evening for you, and we have an opportunity for 21 lucky people to take a tour of the St. Petersburg Innovation District. [Click here to register](https://www.regonline.com/registration/checkin.aspx?MethodId=0&EventSessionId=b11edf6592a248deac8fa3d77e78be52&EventId=2562015)
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About the Innovation District.

The dynamic waterfront town of St Petersburg is the largest marine science cluster in the southeast U.S. Linking the marine-science related agencies, institutions, and industry is the St Petersburg Ocean Team, which represents the marine science sector of the St. Petersburg Innovation District. The Innovation District is the professional home to thousands of scientists, doctors, educators and entrepreneurs working together to make life better.

From the impact of oil spills on marine life to finding a cure for childhood diabetes, researchers in the St. Petersburg Innovation District tackle tough questions alongside colleagues in a regional marine research hub, two hospitals, a university, a world-renowned media school, a unique museum, a business incubator and several other public and private research organizations.

The St. Pete Innovation District was formed in 2016 when public and private leaders came together to encourage collaboration between institutions and businesses, and support economic development in the region. The District's purpose is to raise awareness of the work already underway and to create new opportunities for joint research and education such as the convergence of marine science and life science through exploration of the interdependencies of ocean health and human health.

Our tour will begin when you board the trolley at the TradeWinds Resort at 5 pm Tuesday. As we drive through the city experts will share stories about innovation in science and technology that are based in the community. Once we reach the Innovation District, we will make three stops where you will have a private tour of each facility and an opportunity to speak with the experts.

(Specifics stops are not finalized but likely will include the U.S. Geological Survey, the University of South Florida's College of Marine Science, and the John's Hopkins All Children's Hospital Simulation Lab).

At the conclusion of the tour, join us for complimentary cocktails at The Library, a wonderful restaurant whose chef was a 2019 James Beard award finalist. Following cocktails (~7:30 pm), you will be on your own for dinner and transportation back to the hotel. You are welcome to dine at The Library, or there several restaurants available within walking distance or via a free ride on the Downtown Looper Trolley.

The cost

The cost is \$40, which includes the trolley ride from the TradeWinds to downtown St. Petersburg, the tour and cocktails at The Library restaurant. You will be responsible for

your own dinner and transportation back to the TradeWinds. We estimate that Uber or Lyft will cost around \$15. There is also public transportation available. [Click here to register](#)

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