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Ruan Cox is an Industry Alliances Development Associate at the Office of Innovation and Industry Alliances (“Innovation Office”). He is responsible for assisting in the conceptualization, development and negotiation of collaborations with industry partners interested in sponsoring research at Moffitt Cancer Center.

Before becoming a full time staff member in the office, Ruan was an intern in the office gaining valuable experience in the areas of patent disclosure and analysis, licensing and marketing technologies, and developing academic-industry partnerships. Ruan earned a BS from the University of Florida and Ph.D. in Molecular Medicine from the University of South Florida’s Morsani College of Medicine with a focus in Immunology. His dissertation topic, Resolvins: A Novel Therapeutic for Acute Lung Injury, focused on novel omega-3 byproducts that show a potent ability to decrease inflammation and promote resolution.

While earning his Ph.D. Ruan received prestigious fellowships from the American Heart Association, Florida Education Fund and Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. He has also received numerous awards for his presentations at the American Thoracic Society; World Allergy Congress; Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology and American Academy for Allergy Asthma and Immunology. Ruan currently serves on boards for the Tampa Bay Economic Development Commission, American Thoracic Society and the University of Florida Alumni Association.