Tulane University正式推出了新的脑研究所，这是全校范围内的倡议，旨在协调和支持在Tulane的脑相关研究和神经科学项目。

该研究所结合了来自医学院、科学与工程学院、公共卫生与热带医学学院、文学院以及Tulane国家灵长类研究中心的教职员工、博士后和学生（从本科生到博士）的专长和研究。

Marta和Bill Marko提供了启动资金，该基金的目标是筹集5亿美元。目前已筹集了370万美元。
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“We hope our contributions can help create additional momentum for the initiative and that it provides the physical space and sense of place for the initiatives, but more importantly we hope our gifts propel all those working as part of the Brain Institute to be role models for interdisciplinary cooperation in order to achieve breakthroughs that could not be accomplished in silos,” Bill Marko said.

Even before the fundraising is complete and all of the physical infrastructure is fulfilled, the Brain Institute is already making a difference across campus through the Marko Spark Innovation Research Fund. This research fund encourages collaborative, daring brain research in memory, cognition, and neurodegeneration early-stage studies across the university.

“The Tulane Brain Institute solidifies and strengthens our interdisciplinary tradition through an invaluable matrix of researchers from all across the university,” Tulane President Mike Fitts said. “Tulane owes much gratitude to Bill and Marta Marko for their generous support of the Brain Institute. I also want to thank Dr. Jill Daniel, the Director of this new Brain Institute. Jill is the perfect person to lead this endeavor combining disciplines from across the university to study the brain.”

“The Brain Institute is providing the infrastructure to allow us to take the already strong record of research, education and training in the neurosciences at Tulane to the next level. We are working to bring the Tulane Brain Institute to levels of national prominence,” Daniel said.

The Brain Institute will have a physical presence on both the uptown and downtown campuses. The center of activity uptown will be in new soon-to-built facilities at the state-of-the-art Donna and Paul Flower Hall for Research and Innovation, while downtown the activities will be spread throughout the Health Sciences Campus and at the newly renovated J. Bennett Johnston Building.