**The University of Idaho (UI)**

The University of Idaho (UI) has a rich research environment that is well suited for interdisciplinary research. It is a high research activity, land-grant institution committed to undergraduate and graduate education, including the medical and veterinary education programs for the state of Idaho. UI has the infrastructure in place to support successful faculty research, and promotes a supportive and collaborative research environment through workshops, socials, and seed grant opportunities.

**Institute for Modeling Collaboration and Innovation**

The Institute for Modeling Collaboration and Innovation (IMCI) has created the intellectual, cultural, and physical environment to foster synergy in interdisciplinary research. It brings together modelers and empirical scientists to address problems facing society today across many areas – health and health care delivery, urbanization and land use, climate change, rational decision making and agriculture, to name just a few. Research groups focus on specific questions while interacting with IMCI postdoctoral scientists who devote full-time effort to collaborative modeling.

The focal point of IMCI is the Collaboratorium, a space and a culture for collaborative modeling. More than a dozen Working Groups meet weekly in the Collaboratorium, which is equipped with AV equipment to facilitate remote meetings. In addition, IMCI provides support for a seminar series co-hosted with the Institute for Bioinformatics and Evolutionary Studies, a weekly Brown Bag Lunch for interactions among teams, and support for proposal submissions and grant management. IMCI also supports a Pilot Grant program and Modeling Access Grants.

IMCI is located in the Integrated Research and Innovation Center (IRIC) at the University of Idaho which opened in 2017 to facilitate discovery-based or interdisciplinary research across a broad spectrum of science, engineering and other disciplines. The total space in IRIC assigned to IMCI is over 3,000 sqft. This includes 6 offices that house the Director, Deputy Director, staff and postdocs (660 sq ft); the Collaboratorium (620 sqft); wet lab space for IMCI-related projects (840 sqft); an additional dry lab that can house up to a dozen postdocs and graduate students involved in modeling (820 sqft); and 8 open office spaces for undergraduates (160 sqft). In addition to this assigned space, we will have access to a shared kitchen area, conference rooms, and many additional interaction spaces.