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Dr. Gordon Cannon is the T.W. Bennett Distinguished Professor in the Sciences and Vice Provost for Research at The University of Southern Mississippi. He joined the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in 1987 after spending five years as a postdoctoral fellow at the prestigious Roche Institute of Molecular Biology. A biochemist and microbiologist by training, Cannon's long-standing interest lies in carbon metabolism of CO₂ fixing microbes. His scholarly contributions in that area have earned him international recognition and caught the attention of collaborators worldwide. He currently is part of a multinational team of researchers who seek to obtain structural information of the carboxysome, the CO₂ fixing module of many environmentally important bacteria, using the X-ray free electron laser at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center.

Dr. Cannon serves as the University of Southern Mississippi's Vice Provost for Research. As such he is the university's chief research officer and is responsible for leading and overseeing USM's research enterprise. Dr. Cannon is the executive director of the USM Research Foundation and oversees operation at the university's technology incubator, The Accelerator.