How to access SMARTTHINKING

SMARTTHINKING is an online consulting service that works much like our own Writing Center, with a “real” person reviewing your work, answering your questions, and making suggestions for improvement. This service is free to USF students and it is a great way to obtain quality feedback about your writing if you’re unable to schedule an appointment in the Writing Center.

1. Go to my.usf.edu
2. Go to Learning and Teaching Tools drop-down menu
3. Click on Blackboard
4. Click on “Academics” on the top toolbar
5. Scroll down to SMARTTHINKING logo, click on logo
6. **Turn off pop-up blockers**
   a. Internet explorer: (http://support.microsoft.com/kb/909604)
      To turn Pop-up Blocker on or off, follow these steps:
      - Click Start
      - Click Run
      - Type inetnp.pl and then click OK to open the Internet Properties dialog box
      *Alternatively, open Internet Explorer, and then click Internet Options on the Tools menu to open the Internet Properties dialog box. Click the Privacy tab, and then do either of the following:
      - Click to clear Block pop-ups to turn Pop-up Blocker off.
   b. Chrome: (https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/95472?hl=en)
      To manually allow pop-ups from a site, follow the steps below:
      - Click the Chrome menu on the browser toolbar
      - Select Setting
      - Click Show advanced settings
      - In the "Privacy" section, click the Content settings button
      - In the "Pop-ups" section, click Manage exceptions.
      When you click either the Options button in the info bar or the icon in the location bar, a menu is displayed with the following choices:
      - Allow/Block pop-ups for this site
      - Edit Pop-up Blocker Options
      - Don’t show info bar when pop-ups are blocked (show the blocked pop-up)
7. Click on “Writing Center”
8. Follow instructions for completing the submission form and uploading your paper