



Joining Universities Space Research Association (USRA) means becoming an integral part of a dynamic international network comprising of 121 Ph.D. granting universities deeply engaged in space science and aerospace research and development. As members, universities wield influence in shaping the trajectory of USRA programs and institutes, extending benefits not only to their own researchers but also to counterparts worldwide.

USRA amplifies the collective voice of its members, providing a platform to work on issues vital to the space science and aerospace research community.

Unlocking the Value of Membership in Universities Space Research Association

At USRA, membership is not just about belonging—it's a gateway to cost-free invaluable opportunities for collaboration and dialogue across academia, industry, and government.

It offers access to:

Symposia

Dive into cutting-edge discussions at USRA-funded symposia, where academia, industry, and government converge on topics crucial to the space science/aerospace community. Recent gatherings have delved into Space Weather, Space Situational Awareness, Space Nuclear Technology, and other pressing themes.

Annual and Regional Meetings

Forge connections and engage in conversations with USRA executives and fellow members at USRA's flagship events, fostering a vibrant culture of networking and idea exchange.

Collaborative Ventures

Harness the power of collective expertise through peer-to-peer collaborations between USRA scientists and faculty at member universities fostering innovation and advancing research frontiers. In 2023 alone there were 400 such collaborations.

Faculty Database

Access a rich repository of nearly 6,000 faculty members from member universities, facilitating targeted searches by technical area, institution etc.

Policy Advocacy

Formulate public policy positions and advocate through USRA-organized meetings with congressional members and staff. Past USRA-led efforts have resulted in influencing decision-makers through coordinated efforts such as:

- Successful reform of U.S. export control law (ITAR) to reduce adverse impact on University space-related research and education
- Congressional direction of \$30 M/year budget in the NASA Science Budget for University-led small satellite mission programs since 2019

Research Funding

Provide opportunities for faculty and student research funding:

- USRA facilitates collaboration among its members with federal agencies
- Members receive prioritized teaming opportunities for collaboration and participation with USRA's Programs and Institutes, as well as partnerships on major proposals

Scholarships

Scholarship opportunities for students through USRA's Distinguished Undergraduate Award (DUA) program. DUA scholarships are available internationally only to students at USRA international member universities.