



USRA – Universities Space Research Association

Size Standard Non-profit, 500 FTE, \$150M, HQ in Columbia, MD

- Corporate Description**
- Advance the space- and aeronautics-related sciences and exploration through innovative research, technology, and education programs;
 - Promote space and aeronautics policy; and
 - Develop and operate premier facilities and programs by involving universities, governments, and the private sector for the benefit of humanity.
 - Founded in 1968 by James E. Webb to establish Lunar Sciences Institute.
 - Overseen by Council of Institutions and governed by Elected Board of Trustees.

Goddard Support Primarily Code 600

Major Institutes and Programs Supporting NASA

Capabilities

Goddard Earth Sciences Technology and Research (GESTAR) and Earth from Space Institute

Earth Sciences Division, but also with Solar Systems Exploration Division, Office of Education, and Office of Public Affairs

Lunar and Planetary Institute

Study the solar system, its formation, evolution, and current state

SOFIA (Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy)

Science operations and research for Astronomy and Astrophysics

Science and Technology Institute

Astronomy and Astrophysics, Earth Sciences, and Heliophysics research

Capabilities in Other Markets that could benefit Goddard’s Mission Microgravity Research, Quantum computing, Internships and Postdoc programs. Issues and Programs Committee supports public policy concerns of research universities.