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ABOUT USRA

Formed in 1969, under the auspices of the National Academies of Science, Universities Space Research Association is an independent non-profit organization that offers an avenue for government and industry to engage the expertise of the academic community with USRA's technical leadership, innovative R&D, operational excellence, management of premier facilities, and education programs **to advance space- and aeronautics-related sciences and exploration.**

APPROACH & ORGANIZATION

Key to USRA's capabilities is the role of universities. In FY 2016, **more than 380 universities were directly involved in USRA activities and USRA supported more than 1,600 internships.** USRA research locations employ more than 500 scientific, technical, and professional staff. **More than 65% of USRA employees have advanced technical degrees, and more than 40% hold Ph.D.s.**

World-class scientific investigators

- Advancing space and aeronautics
- Solving complex problems
- Fostering collaborations and working in partnership with academia, government and industry
- Serving the public good

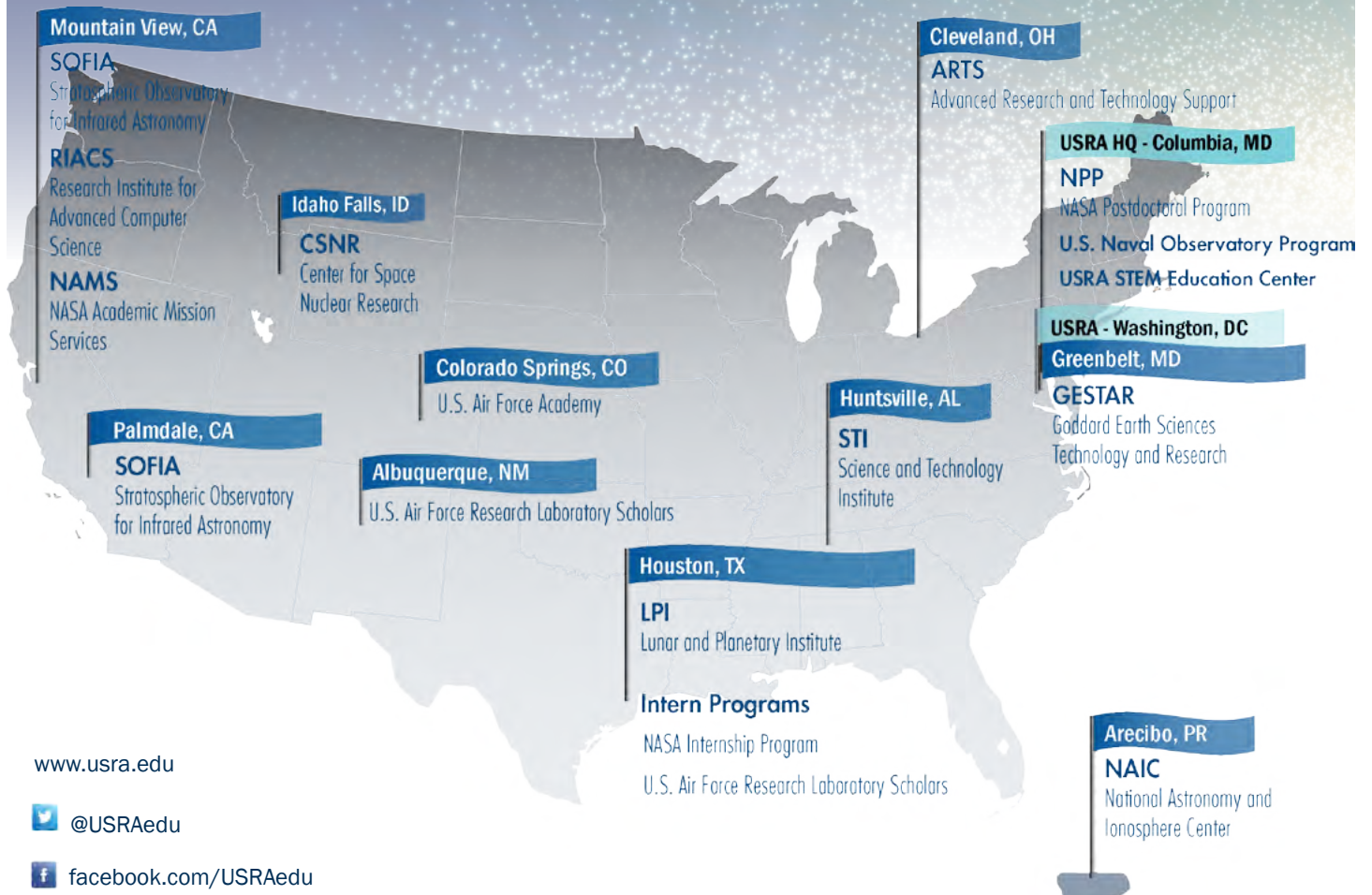
Outstanding program management in operating premier facilities

Cutting-edge science benefitting from independent science advisory councils

Advancing STEM education from K-12 to postdoctoral programs

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Astronomy and Astrophysics
- Planetary Science
- Earth Sciences
- Space Life Sciences
- Materials Science
- Fluid Physics
- Space Nuclear Power and Propulsion
- Computational Sciences
- Aeronautical Sciences
- Facility Management and Operation
- Education and STEM Workforce Development



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