

# Nevada NASA Space Grant Consortium

- ❖ The Nevada NASA Space Grant Consortium (NVSGC) was established in 1991. The consortium is comprised of members from each of Nevada's eight institutions of higher learning and affiliates from aerospace industries. NvSGC is managed by Chris Fritsen, Director and administered by the Nevada System of Higher Education.
- ❖ Space Grant was established by Congress in 1988 and implemented by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in 1989. The National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program contributes to the nation's science enterprise by funding research, education and public service projects through a national network of 52 university-based Space Grant consortia. These consortia administer programs in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The consortia's affiliates include academic institutions, businesses, state and local government agencies, other federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations. Since its inception, Space Grant has served hundreds of thousands of people with over a thousand programs that span the education continuum from college through faculty development.
- ❖ Our mission is to create and expand opportunities for Nevada students and faculty to be active participants in NASA aeronautics and space programs. We support the national agenda to develop a strong math, science, engineering and technology education base through the funding of research and higher education programs, supporting students in internships and the NASA academies, and partnering with industry and local government.
- ❖ Since 2005, NASA has provided our consortium with over 2 million dollars in funding, which has been matched with over 1 million dollars from the State of Nevada. On average, 43% of the annual funds go toward scholarships and fellowships; 42% is allocated to support faculty research, student projects and outreach programs, and the remaining 15% goes to consortium management. All Nevada Space Grant funds are awarded through a statewide competitive process.



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