MISSION TO BENEFIT SOCIETY

Founded in 1967, the Utah State University Research Foundation is a nonprofit organization owned by Utah State University (USU) and governed by an independent Board of Trustees. The Research Foundation’s mission is to bridge the gap between discovery research and outcomes that benefit the nation and society. The Research Foundation pursues this mission by conducting applied research and engineering development, which leads to technology and systems implementation for end use in civil, space, and military applications.

FOCUS ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Research Foundation fulfills its mission through the Space Dynamics Laboratory (SDL). As one of the nation’s 14 University Affiliated Research Centers (UARCs), SDL is a strategic and trusted Government agent. SDL was established in 1959 and became a unit under the Research Foundation in 1981. SDL has designed, fabricated, and operated sensors on over 430 successful space missions and developed over 500 deployed hardware and software ground systems for space and airborne tactical reconnaissance research and development.

The Research Foundation and SDL are engaged in university collaboration and work closely with USU faculty and numerous other research universities around the country to transition basic research topics.

The Research Foundation provides its research organization with a solid business and support infrastructure designed for optimum success. Support areas include:

- Human Resources
- Business & Finance (Accounting, Logistics, Purchasing)
- Security (Information Technology, Safety, etc.)
- Program Support (Communications, Contracts, Pricing, Quality Assurance)
- Marketing & Event Coordination (Corporate Events, Marketing, Public Relations)
**COMMMITMENT TO EDUCATION**
The Research Foundation is committed to education and provides hands-on experience for over 100 students, which make up approximately 20% of the workforce. Most student employees are pursuing engineering degrees, but the Research Foundation also hires a significant number of students that fill business support roles. In addition, many Research Foundation/SDL employees teach university courses as adjunct lecturers.

**COMPANY STABILITY**
The Research Foundation operates as a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt corporation. It is founded on solid business practices with a history of excellence in efficiently generating revenue and managing resources. This legacy is largely based on the stability derived from varied funding resources resulting in continued company growth.