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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2008

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2008 and ending 09-30-2009

Check if applicable
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Termination
 Amended return
 Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization UNIVERSITIES SPACE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION	
Doing Business As	
Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 10211 WINCOPIN CIRCLE No 500	Room/suite
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 COLUMBIA, MD 210443432	

D Employer identification number

52-0892064

E Telephone number

(410) 730-2656

G Gross receipts \$ 63,409,172

F Name and address of Principal Officer
Dr Frederick Tarantino
10211 WINCOPIN CIRCLE
columbia, MD 21044

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No

H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
(If "No," attach a list. See instructions.)

H(c) Group Exemption Number ►

I Tax-exempt status 501(c) (3) ► (Insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Web site: ► WWW USRA EDU

K Type of organization Corporation trust association other ►

L Year of Formation 1972

M State of legal domicile DC

Part I Summary

1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities SCIENTIFIC BASIC RESEARCH		
2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets		
3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	15
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	14
5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	515
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	7a	0
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	13,490	37,820
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	60,798,333	62,871,895
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	255,556	58,704
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	102,665	21,965
		61,170,044	62,990,384
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	2,607,198	4,979,499
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	33,670,108	35,077,893
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b (Total fundraising expenses, Part IX, column (D), line 25 0)		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	23,888,716	22,492,434
	18 Total expenses—add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, line 25, column (A))	60,166,022	62,549,826
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,004,022	440,558
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	23,408,258	22,917,040
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	8,992,087	7,966,992
		14,416,171	14,950,048

Part II Signature Block

Please Sign Here	<p>Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge</p> <p>***** Signature of officer Dr Frederick Tarantino President Type or print name and title</p>		
		Date	2010-06-03

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ► B JENNINE ANDERSON	Date	Check if self-employed ► <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's PTIN (See Gen Inst)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► UHY ADVISORS MID-ATLANTIC MD INC 6851 OAK HALL LANE STE 300 COLUMBIA, MD 21045			EIN ►
				Phone no ► (410) 720-5220

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (See instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

to provide a collaborative membership organization where universities and other research organizations may cooperate effectively with each other, with the United States government, and other entities to develop knowledge associated with space science and technology

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting or make significant changes in how it conducts any program services? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses
Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 2,858,402 including grants of \$ 900) (Revenue \$ 3,344,170)
center for research and exploration in space and science technology Supports the research efforts for NASA and the NRL in various astronomy and space physics disciplines including X-ray Astronomy, Gamma-ray Astronomy, and Cosmic-ray Astrophysics

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,837,538 including grants of \$ 229,759) (Revenue \$ 2,144,188)
Education Programs The Education Programs Office primarily supports NASA's efforts to expand educational opportunities for students in aerospace engineering and the space sciences, as well as encouraging young students to stay in school and pursue careers in science, engineering, and business

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 7,494,399 including grants of \$ 177,245) (Revenue \$ 8,748,483)
Lunar & Planetary Institute (LPI) Supports NASA's research in lunar, planetary, and related scientific fields The Institute is a center for lunar and planetary science, conducting research studies on the formation, evolution, and current state of the Moon, planets, comets, asteroids, planetary satellites, cosmic dust, and our solar system as a whole through analysis of data and samples obtained through NASA's long history of missions and exploration Service to NASA and the Planetary Science Community The Institute coordinates scientific meetings on lunar and planetary topics, and disseminates scientific information through technical journals and conferences, including an abstract database of more than 25,000 presentations made by scientists at LPI-sponsored meetings The Institute also curates an extensive collection of lunar and planetary data that is accessible online

(Code) (Expenses \$ 41,619,274 including grants of \$ 4,571,595) (Revenue \$ 48,635,054)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 53,809,613 Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A

2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?

3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III

6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I

7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II

8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III

9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV

10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V

11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable

12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII

13 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?

- b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I

15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II

16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III

17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I

18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II

19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III

20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H

21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II

22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III

23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J

24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25

- b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?
- c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?
- d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?

25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I

25b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I

26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II

27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III

	Yes	No
1	Yes	
2	Yes	
3		No
4	Yes	
5		
6		No
7		No
8		No
9		No
10		No
11	Yes	
12	Yes	
13		No
14a		No
14b	Yes	
15		No
16		No
17		No
18		No
19		No
20		No
21		No
22	Yes	
23	Yes	
24a		No
24b		
24c		
24d		
25a		No
25b		No
26	Yes	
27		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (Continued)

28 During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee

- a** Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
- b** Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
- c** Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV

29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M

30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M

31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I

32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II

33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations section 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I

34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1

35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2

36 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2

37 Did the organization conduct more than 5 percent of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI

	Yes	No
28a		No
28b	Yes	
28c		No
29		No
30		No
31		No
32		No
33		No
34	Yes	
35		No
36	Yes	
37		No

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	967
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	515
2b	If at least one is reported in 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <i>Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return.</i>	2b	Yes
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	No
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	3b	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .	4b	
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
5c	If "Yes," to 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, <i>Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction</i> ?	5c	
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	No
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	<i>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</i>	7a	No
7a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of \$75 or more?	7a	
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	No
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	No
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	No
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	No
7h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h	No
8	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</i> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	No
9	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</i>	9a	No
9b	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9b	No
9c	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9c	
10	<i>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter	10a	
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	<i>Section 501(c)(12) organizations</i> Enter	11a	
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	
12a	<i>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</i> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)
Section A. Governing Body and Management

For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7 below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . .	1a	15
b Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . .	1b	14
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	No
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	No
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	No
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5	No
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	Yes
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a the governing body?	8a	Yes
b each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes
9a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	9a	No
b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	9b	No
10 Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990	10	Yes
11 Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	11	No

Section B. Policies

	Yes	No
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No", go to line 13	12a	Yes
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	No
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	No
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	No
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	15a	Yes
b Other officers or key employees of the organization?	15b	Yes
Describe the process in Schedule O		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	No
b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable Federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	No

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed CA

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply
 own website another's website upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization
 KARIN HILSER
 10211 WINCOPIN CIRCLE SUITE 500
 COLUMBIA, MD 210443432
 (410) 740-6232

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Section A Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

* List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations) and key employees regardless of amount of compensation, and current key employees Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid

* List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations

* List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

* List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee or key employee.

Part VII Continued

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ►71

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	Yes
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

(A)	Name and business address	(B)	Description of services	(C)	Compensation
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	1200 E CA		SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES	1,570,234	
PASADENA, CA 91125					
CASE WESTERN UNIVERSITY	10900 EUCLID AVE		SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES	1,285,066	
CLEVELAND, OH 44106					
CORNELL UNIVERSITY	PO BOX 22		SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES	1,193,713	
ITHACA, NY 14851					
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO	1225 E 60TH ST		SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES	840,787	
CHICAGO, IL 60637					
SETI INSTITUTE	515 N WHISMAN RD		SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES	730,159	
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043					
2	Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation				
from the organization					8

Part
VIII

Statement of Revenue

		(A) Total Revenue	(B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue	(C) Unrelated Business Revenue	(D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns . . . 1a				
	b Membership dues 1b				
	c Fundraising events 1c				
	d Related organizations . . . 1d				
	e Government grants (contributions) 1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 37,820				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____				
	h Total (Add lines 1a-1f) 37,820				
Program Service Revenue	2a CONTRACTS AND GRANTS	Business Code 541,700	62,871,895	62,871,895	
	b				
	c				
	d				
	e				
	f All other program service revenue				
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ► \$ 62,871,895				
	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest other similar amounts) ► 53,847				53,847
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ►					
5 Royalties					
	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
6a Gross Rents					
b Less rental expenses					
c Rental income or (loss)					
d Net rental income or (loss) ►					
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities 423,645	(ii) Other			
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	418,788				
c Gain or (loss)	4,857				
d Net gain or (loss) ►					4,857
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 Attach Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000 a					
b Less direct expenses . . . b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ►					
9a Gross income from gaming activities See part IV, line 19 Complete Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000					
a					
b Less direct expenses . . . b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ►					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a					
b Less cost of goods sold . . . b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ►					
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11a misc income	900,099	21,965	21,965		
b					
c					
d All other revenue _____					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d \$ 21,965					
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e ►	62,990,384	62,893,860	0	58,704	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.****All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).**

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	4,979,499	4,979,499		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	3,443,769	1,561,399	1,882,370	
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	25,343,414	22,949,094		
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	2,064,546	1,869,498	195,048	
9 Other employee benefits	2,125,145	1,924,372	200,773	
10 Payroll taxes	2,101,019	1,818,982	282,037	
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	125,374		125,374	
c Accounting	64,110		64,110	
d Lobbying	163,835	163,835		
e Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	13,058,173	12,431,500	626,673	
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	2,246,140	961,752	1,284,388	
14 Information technology	509,709	509,709		
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,056,872	525,218	531,654	
17 Travel	2,414,480	2,233,253	181,227	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any Federal, state or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions and meetings	926,818	533,563	393,255	
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	332,839	232,866	99,973	
23 Insurance	115,880	87,618	28,262	
24 Other expenses—Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a partICIPANT SUPPORT COS	692,676	692,676	0	
b BID & PROPOSAL	362,622		362,622	
c MISCELLANEOUS	242,049	165,525	76,524	
d EQUIPMENT	180,857	169,254	11,603	
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	62,549,826	53,809,613	8,740,213	0
26 Joint Costs. Check <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	234,662	1	36,366
2	Savings and temporary cash investments	10,899,560	2	11,640,040
3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
4	Accounts receivable, net	7,204,266	4	5,893,272
5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees or other related parties <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>	30,000	5	175,510
6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		6	
7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	403,204	9	441,903
10a	Land, buildings, and equipment <i>cost basis</i>			
b	Less accumulated depreciation <i>Complete Part VI of Schedule D</i>	10a	7,148,716	
		10b	3,708,971	3,692,532 10c 3,439,745
11	Investments—publicly traded securities	944,034	11	1,290,204
12	Investments—other securities <i>See Part IV, line 11 Complete Part VII of Schedule D</i>		12	
13	Investments—program-related <i>See Part IV, line 11 Complete Part VIII of Schedule D</i>		13	
14	Intangible assets		14	
15	Other assets <i>See Part IV, line 11 Complete Part IX of Schedule D</i>		15	
16	Total assets. <i>Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)</i>	23,408,258	16	22,917,040
17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	8,460,154	17	7,758,635
18	Grants payable		18	
19	Deferred revenue	531,933	19	208,357
20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
21	Escrow account liability <i>Complete Part IV of Schedule D</i>		21	
22	Payable to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		22	
23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
24	Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
25	Other liabilities <i>Complete Part X of Schedule D</i>		25	
26	Total liabilities. <i>Add lines 17 through 25</i>	8,992,087	26	7,966,992
Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
27	Unrestricted net assets	14,291,352	27	14,815,219
28	Temporarily restricted net assets	124,819	28	134,829
29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33	Total net assets or fund balances	14,416,171	33	14,950,048
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	23,408,258	34	22,917,040

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990	<input type="checkbox"/> cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> accrual <input type="checkbox"/> other	
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		2a
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	Yes
c	If "Yes" to lines 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c	Yes
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	Yes
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?	3b	Yes

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support****2008**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1)
nonexempt charitable trusts.****Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.****Open to Public
Inspection****Name of the organization**

UNIVERSITIES SPACE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

52-0892064

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (to be completed by all organizations) (See Instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only one organization)

1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.

2 A school described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E)

3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H)

4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)

6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.

7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

8 A community trust described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **Section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)

10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **Section 509(a)(4)**. (See instructions)

11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **Section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?

(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of Supported Organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (See Instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)
Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	87,393,618	82,121,783	84,878,085	60,811,823	62,909,715	378,115,024
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add line 1-3	87,393,618	82,121,783	84,878,085	60,811,823	62,909,715	378,115,024
5 The portion of total contribution by each person (other than a government unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceed 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support subtract line 5 from line 4						378,115,024

Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	87,393,618	266,870	84,878,085	60,811,823	62,909,715	378,115,024
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	91,474	266,870	498,021	247,526	53,847	1,157,738
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)		89,322	40,390	102,665	21,965	254,342
11 Total Support (Add lines 7 through 10)						379,527,104
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	

13 First Five Years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	99.630 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	99.650 %
16a 33 1/3% Test - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b 33 1/3% Test - 2007. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
17a 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
18 Private Foundation. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total Add lines 1-5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Total of lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after 30 June, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total Support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						►

Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15
16 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16

Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17
18 Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18
19a 33 1/3% Tests - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►
b 33 1/3% Tests - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►
20 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions	►

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

Facts and Circumstances Test

Part II-A To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

A Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group
B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures— (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing Organization's Totals	(b) Affiliated Group Totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)			
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		163,835	
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		163,835	
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		62,385,991	
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		62,549,826	
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns—		1,000,000	
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:		
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000		
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		250,000	
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a Enter -0- if line g is more than line a		0	
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c Enter -0- if line f is more than line c		0	
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 1a through 1f of the instructions.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					6,000,000
c Total lobbying expenditures	159,406	205,923	226,500	163,835	755,664
d Grassroots non-taxable amount	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	1,000,000
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line d, column (e))					1,500,000
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

	(a)		(b)	
	Yes	No	Amount	
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of				
a Volunteers?				
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through i)?				
c Media advertisements?				
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?				
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?				
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?				
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?				
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means?				
i Other activities If "Yes," describe in Part IV				
j Total lines 1c through 1i				
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?				
b If "Yes" enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912				
c If "Yes" enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912				
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?				

Part III-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, questions 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, question 3 is answered "Yes." (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1 \$
2 Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).	
a Current Year	2a \$
b Carryover from last year	2b \$
c Total	2c \$
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3 \$
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4 \$
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 2c total minus 3 and 4)	5 \$

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part I-A, Line 1	Organizations Direct and Indirect Political Campaign Activities	THE ASSOCIATION DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

Part IV Supplemental Information

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(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements**

► Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Name of the organization**

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate Contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate Grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure) Preservation of an historically important land area
 Protection of natural habitat Preservation of certified historic structure
 Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ►

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

 Yes No

6 Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing easements during the year ►

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ► \$

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

 Yes No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a Public exhibition d Loan or exchange programs
 b Scholarly research e Other
 c Preservation for future generations

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain why in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance					
1b Contributions					
1c Investment earnings or losses					
1d Grants or scholarships					
1e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
1f Administrative expenses					
1g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ►
 b Permanent endowment ►
 c Term endowment ►

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i) unrelated organizations
 (ii) related organizations

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Yes	No
3a(i)	
3a(ii)	
3b	

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	1,103,311			1,103,311
1b Buildings	4,179,293	2,393,604		1,785,689
1c Leasehold improvements				
1d Equipment	1,866,112	1,315,367		550,745
1e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ►				3,439,745

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.) ►		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.) ►		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	►

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.) ►	

In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	62,990,384
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	62,549,826
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	440,558
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	93,319
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	93,319
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	533,877

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	63,083,703
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	93,319
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	93,319
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	62,990,384
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	62,990,384

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	62,549,826
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	62,549,826
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	62,549,826

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part XIV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b

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(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

► Attach to Form 990. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to
Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.Name of the organization
UNIVERSITIES SPACE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

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Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered
"Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.1 **For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance Yes No2 **For grantmakers.** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds outside the United States

3 Activities per Region (Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees or agents in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (i.e., fundraising, program services, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures in region
Central America and Caribbean	0	0	Employee Travel	Scientific Research	7,795
East Asia and the Pacific	0	0	Employee Travel	Scientific Research	50,580
Europe	0	0	Employee Travel	Scientific Research	104,764
North America	0	0	Employee Travel	Scientific Research	10,183
Russia and the Newly Independent States	0	0	Employee Travel	Scientific Research	4,659
South Asia	0	0	Employee Travel	Scientific Research	49,926
South America	0	0	Employee Travel	Scientific Research	2,854
Sub-Saharan Africa	0	0	Employee Travel	Scientific Research	21,632
East Asia and the Pacific	0	0	Management & General	Explore business opportunities	9,382
Totals ►					261,775

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000 ► □ Use Schedule F-1 if additional space is needed.

2 Enter total number of organizations that are recognized as charities by the foreign country or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16. Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

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Form 990 Schedule F Part II - Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside The United States

(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
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Schedule I
(Form 990)

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the U.S.

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, lines 21 or 22. Attach to Form 990.

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NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 if additional space is needed.

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations

3 Enter total number of other organizations

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
JAMES B WILLETT EDUCATIONAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1	1,000			
JOHN R SEVIER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1	1,000			
THE USRA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP	1	1,000			
THOMAS R MCGETCHIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1	1,000			
STIPENDS FOR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES	658	4,975,499			

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

See Additional Data Table

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Procedure for Monitoring Grants in the U S	Part I, Line 2	Schedule I, Part I, Line 2 THE ASSOCIATION DISTRIBUTES SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS TO STUDENTS WHO MEET THE CRITERIA SET OUT IN THE PROGRAM THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL MONITORING REQUIRED

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(Form 990)**Compensation Information**

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
► Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

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Internal Revenue Service**Name of the organization**

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items

<input type="checkbox"/> First class or charter travel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)

b If line 1a is checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a

a Receive a severance payment or change of control payment?
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III

501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-8.

5 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

6 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs. section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

	Yes	No
1b	Yes	
2	Yes	
4a	Yes	
4b	Yes	
4c		No
5a		No
5b		No
6a		No
6b		No
7		No
8		No

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use Schedule J-1 if additional space needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations described in the instructions on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a.

(A) Name	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other compensation				
See Additional Data Table	(i)						
	(ii)						
	(i)						
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	(i)						
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	(i)						
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Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	
	(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other compensation					
Dr Frederick Tarantino	(i) (ii)	328,345	280,160		23,000	11,002	642,507	324,506
mr robert senter	(i) (ii)	178,352	15,000		18,478	11,002	222,832	137,441
Timothy Tuttle	(i) (ii)	154,970	2,000		13,451	11,127	181,548	
SCOTT WILLIAMSON	(i) (ii)	224,409	69,300		22,397	918	317,024	
HELEN J HALL	(i) (ii)	271,489	18,000		18,458	11,271	319,218	
STEPHEN J MACKWELL	(i) (ii)	202,896	20,000		20,537	11,002	254,435	
FRANCIS M CURRAN	(i) (ii)	199,538	18,000		18,712	918	237,168	
ADRIAN D LEBLANC	(i) (ii)	194,601	10,000		19,452	5,039	229,092	
DAVID G BELL	(i) (ii)	184,734	18,000		19,450	11,002	233,186	
ERIC E BECKLIN	(i) (ii)	184,617	10,000		18,151	86	212,854	
FRANCIS J NELBACH	(i) (ii)	180,914			14,074	4,757	199,745	
ALAN M MARCHANT	(i) (ii)	155,393	15,000		16,084	11,002	197,479	
RONALD J WHITE	(i) (ii)	222,802			22,304	11,002	256,108	
BUTLER P HINE	(i) (ii)	203,416			20,330	12,567	236,313	
MAARTEN SIERHUIS	(i) (ii)	194,522	2,450		16,660	11,146	224,778	
PAUL D SPUDIS	(i) (ii)	172,196	2,450		13,743	11,415	199,804	
JOHN W BOYD	(i) (ii)	171,118			17,082	11,002	199,202	

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(Form 990)**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

► **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, line 4d	Other Program Services	National Space Science and Technology Center The Division of Earth Sciences supports NASA's research to seek a better understanding of the global hydrologic cycle and its interaction with climate variability USRA is assisting with the integration of research programs with the educational needs of climate and global change science curricula at the college and pre-college levels to communicate the importance and challenges relating to the interactions of the hydrologic cycle with climate and climate variability Expenses \$ 41619274 including grants of \$ 4571595 Revenue \$ 48635054

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, line 4d	Other Program Services	Research Institute for Advanced Computer Sciences (RIACS) The Research Institute for Advanced Computer Science (RIACS) is focused on developing the next generation enabling technologies that will facilitate both human and robotic space exploration Since its inception in 1983, the Institute has conducted basic and applied computer science research across a variety of aerospace-related disciplines, including supercomputing, computational fluid dynamics, computational chemistry, high-performance networking, and artificial intelligence

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, line 4d	Other Program Services	Division of Space Life Sciences (DSLS) The DSLS supports NASA in all areas of life sciences research and management in furtherance of NASA's Vision for Space Exploration, to send astronauts to the Moon, Mars, and beyond DSLS scientists examine the effects of microgravity and radiation on blood, bone, lung, muscle, and neural cells They participate in human bed rest studies, a microgravity analogue, to develop countermeasures to protect astronauts against the adverse affects of microgravity on various physiological systems

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, line 4d	Other Program Services	Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) The Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) is an airborne observatory that will study the universe in the infrared spectrum Besides this contribution to science progress, SOFIA will be a major factor in the development of observational techniques, of new instrumentations, and in the education of young scientists and teachers in the discipline of infrared astronomy SOFIA is expected to fly into the stratosphere, open the telescope cavity door, and point its telescope at the heavens three or four nights a week for at least twenty years

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, line 4d	Other Program Services	Center for Space Nuclear Research (CSNR) The CSNR is operated by USRA in collaboration with the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) The CSNR is a focus for engaging university scientists in research and development of advanced space nuclear systems, including space power and propulsion systems and radioisotope power generators

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, line 4d	Other Program Services	Other USRA manages various efforts under a variety of relatively small contracts and other agreements in support of scientific and education projects

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, line 4d	Other Program Services	Undergraduate Student Research Program (USRP) USRP is an internship program that offers NASA research and development opportunities USRP offers internships in engineering, science, and mathematics that give students the ultimate STEM workforce preparatory experience The USRP program consists of a 10-15 week research experience at a participating NASA Center under the supervision of a NASA technical mentor

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, line 4d	Other Program Services	Exploration Systems Technology REsearch Supports research for NASA Glenn Research Center's Exploration Systems Technology Development programs and provides support for ISS microgravity research This program involves the development of enabling technologies for space exploration with emphasis on reduced gravity applications of fluids systems and fire safety and performs critical-path research in fluids and combustion in support of NASA's space exploration program and related national initiatives

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6		USRA has members but not stockholders

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a		A Council, which is composed of a representative from each member institution, is responsible for voting for members of the Board of Trustees

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7b		SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO A POLICY PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY REQUIRE RATIFICATION BY THE COUNCIL (MEMBERS)

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 10		THE FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO THE GOVERNING BODY BEFORE SUBMISSION THE DOCUMENT IS POSTED ON A PASSWORD-PROTECTED INTERNAL WEB PAGE FOR BOARD REVIEW, PRIOR TO FILING

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		AN OUTSIDE COMPENSATION CONSULTANT IS HIRED TO COMPARE THE PAY OF TOP MANAGEMENT AND KEY EMPLOYEES TO NATIONAL, NOT-FOR-PROFIT SURVEY DATA PROVIDED BY WATSON AND WYATT

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		THE ASSOCIATION DOES NOT MAKE IT'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IT IS NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO, BASED ON ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule A, Part II, Line 10	Explanation for Other Income	miscellaneous income

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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► **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.**
► See separate instructions.

► **See separate instructions**

Name of the organization

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities

(A) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(B) Primary activity	(C) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets	(F) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations

(A) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(B) Primary activity	(C) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(D) Exempt Code section	(E) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(F) Direct controlling entity
USRA Voluntary employee beneficiaries association (VEBA)					
10211 wincopin circle columbia, MD21045 52-6853833	postretirement medical benefits to eligible employees	MD	501(c)(9)	N/A	N/A

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust

Part V Transactions with Related Organizations**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III or IV**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

- a** Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)
- f** Sale of assets to other organization(s)
- g** Purchase of assets from other organization(s)
- h** Exchange of assets
- i** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)
- k** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)
- m** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets
- n** Sharing of paid employees
- o** Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses
- p** Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses
- q** Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)
- r** Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)

	Yes	No
1a		No
1b		No
1c		No
1d		No
1e		No
1f		No
1g		No
1h		No
1i		No
1j		No
1k		No
1l		No
1m		No
1n		No
1o	Yes	
1p		No
1q	Yes	
1r		No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

	(A) Name of other organization(s)	(B) Transaction type(a-r)	(C) Amount Involved
(1)	Retiree benefits paid from 10108 - 93009	O	47,958
(2)	VEBA Funding for 10108 - 93009	Q	277,229
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Form 990, Part VII - Section Aaa

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual Trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Office	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
Dr peter banks , CHAIR BOT	6 00	X		X			28,600	0	0
Mr M k jeppesen , member bot	4 00	X					17,800	0	0
Dr Frederick Tarantino , President	40 00	X		X			608,505	0	34,002
Dr Stefi Baum , member bot	3 00	X					17,000	0	0
Dr Michael Drake , member bot	3 00	X					13,000	0	0
Dr Ivette Falto-heck , member bot	3 00	X					16,500	0	0
Vice Admiral David Frost , member bot	3 00	X					0	0	0
prof john d fix , member bot	3 00	X					19,000	0	0
dr edward groth , member bot	3 00	X					13,500	0	0
dr wesley harris , member bot	3 00	X					0	0	0
dr steven kahn , member bot	3 00	X					6,000	0	0
Dr Scott Pace , member bot	3 00	X					3,000	0	0
dr eric sheppard , member bot	3 00	X					0	0	0
DR gary r swenson , member bot	3 00	X					12,500	0	0
DR alan wells , member bot	3 00	X					14,000	0	0
mr edward mccullogh , member bot	3 00	X					15,950	0	0
DR THOMAS ZURBUCHEN , MEMBER BOT	3 00	X					2,000	0	0
DR PEGGY EVANICH , MEMBER BOT	3 00	X					13,800	0	0
DR MENAS KAFATOS , MEMBER BOT	3 00	X					14,000	0	0
dr richard binzel , member bot	3 00	X					11,500	0	0
mr robert senter , treasurer & CFO	40 00			X			193,352	0	29,480
Timothy Tuttle , treasurer & CFO	40 00			X			156,970	0	24,578
SCOTT WILLIAMSON , VICE PRESIDENT	40 00			X			293,709	0	23,315
Steve Benson , Secretary	1 00			X			0	0	13,168
HELEN J HALL , DIRECTOR	40 00				X		289,489	0	29,729
STEPHEN J MACKWELL , DIRECTOR	40 00				X		222,896	0	31,539
FRANCIS M CURRAN , DIRECTOR	40 00				X		217,538	0	19,630
ADRIAN D LEBLANC , DIRECTOR	40 00				X		204,601	0	24,491
DAVID G BELL , DIRECTOR	40 00				X		202,734	0	30,452
ERIC E BECKLIN , SR SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR	40 00				X		194,617	0	18,237

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual Trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
FRANCIS J NELBACH , OPERATIONS MANAGER	40 00				X		180,914	0	18,831
ALAN M MARCHANT , CIO & HR MANAGER	40 00				X		170,393	0	27,086
RONALD J WHITE , SCIENTIST	40 00					X	222,802	0	33,306
BUTLER P HINE , SENIOR SCIENTIST	40 00					X	203,416	0	32,897
MAARTEN SIERHUIS , SENIOR SCIENTIST	40 00					X	196,972	0	27,806
PAUL D SPUDIS , SENIOR SCIENTIST	40 00					X	174,646	0	25,158
JOHN W BOYD , SPEC ASST TO CTR DIRE	40 00					X	171,118	0	28,084