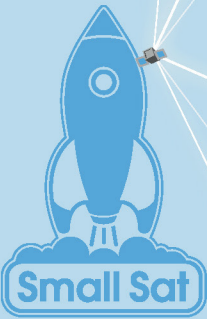


A Call for Papers & Exhibitors

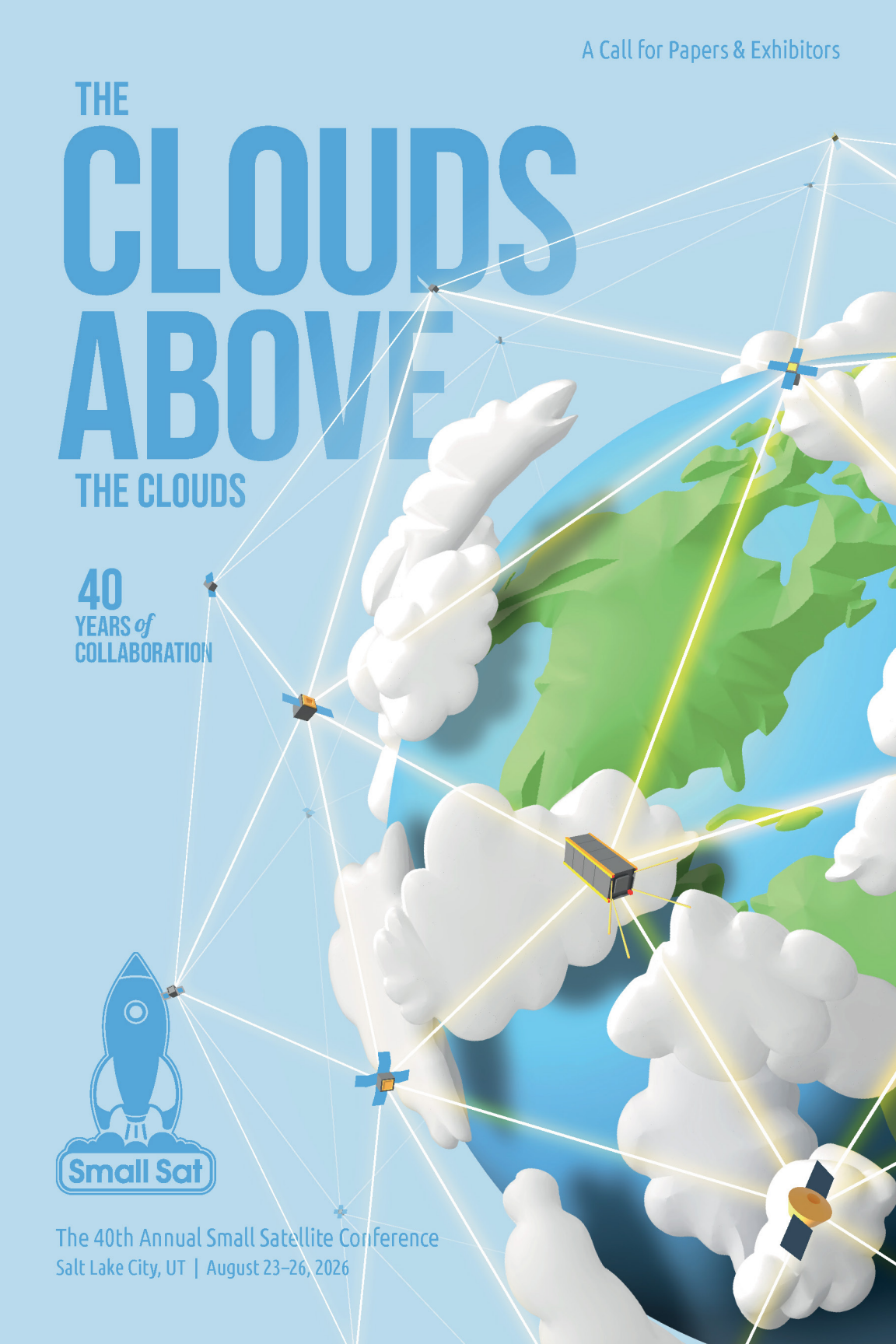
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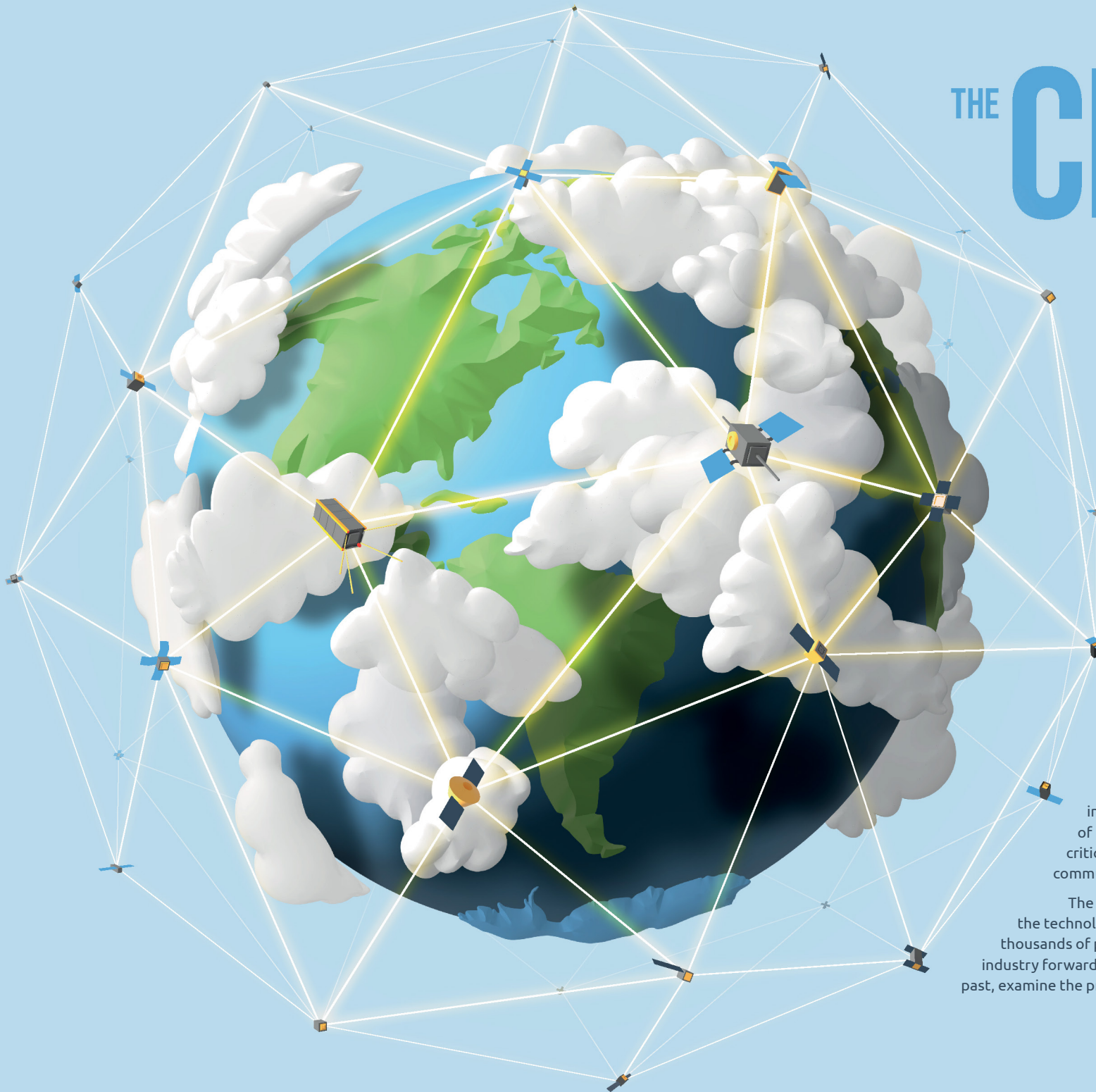
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The 40th Annual Small Satellite Conference
Salt Lake City, UT | August 23-26, 2026





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Over the past four decades, the small satellite community has transformed from a dedicated few pioneers working on shoestring budgets into a global ecosystem of commercial, government, and academic innovators. This community of collaborators has solved some of the space industry's most complex challenges, redefining what's possible in space.

Today's satellite constellations—systems of systems composed of hundreds or even thousands of satellites—collect, process, and deliver unprecedented amounts of data with latencies measured in milliseconds. High-speed space networking, edge processing, optimized ground infrastructure, and increased launch opportunities form the foundation of this new era. These “clouds above the clouds” power critical missions in navigation, Earth and space observation, communications, and beyond.

The 40th Annual Small Satellite Conference will spotlight the technologies driving constellation success and celebrate the thousands of people whose vision and collaboration have propelled the industry forward over the past four decades. Join us as we celebrate the past, examine the present, and shape the future of small satellites.

TECHNICAL SESSION TOPICS

Research & Academia Sessions – August 23, 2026

Educational and research programs, lessons learned, tutorials, and CubeSat technology

Enterprise Sessions – August 24–26, 2026

Cutting-edge technologies and missions supporting small satellite endeavors



Year in Review

A review of missions launched in the past 18 months with an emphasis on lessons learned and/or the technological advancements that significantly enhanced mission utility



Next on the Pad

A preview of missions scheduled to fly within the next 18 months with an emphasis on the scientific or technological purpose of the mission



Space Access

Launch systems, multi-manifest, or rideshare opportunities specifically designed to provide access to space for small satellites



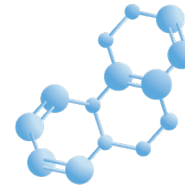
Ground Systems

Innovative technologies or full-up systems (hardware/software) for ground networks, mission operations centers, or science/data analysis centers that significantly advance mission utility



Science/Mission Payloads

Innovative technologies or full-up systems that allow cutting-edge missions to be formulated



Advanced Technologies

Innovative technologies (hardware/software) that provide significant advancements in small satellite missions



Communications

Emerging technologies or techniques for the timeless challenge of communicating with or between small satellites



Propulsion

Key technologies for effective maneuver and/or attitude control



Constellations

Foundational technologies that support constellations, clusters, or swarms

Submitted abstracts may also be considered for the following:

Flash Talks – August 24–26, 2026

Selected participants will be given three minutes for a flash talk during session breaks

Poster Sessions – August 23-26, 2026

Printed posters displayed with dedicated viewing times during session breaks

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

To be considered as a presenter for the Technical Sessions, Flash Talks, or Poster Sessions, an abstract on your research must be submitted. Abstracts should clearly summarize the proposed oral presentation or poster.

Abstracts must be submitted electronically at www.smallsat.org before 11:59 PM MT on February 5, 2026.

When submitting, be prepared to supply the following information:

- Title of paper
- Point of contact information
- Presenter name and contact information
- List of co-authors including names, affiliations, and email addresses
- Abstract – 500 word maximum
- Session topic that best fits the abstract – select only one

* Abstracts that focus primarily on marketing are strongly discouraged

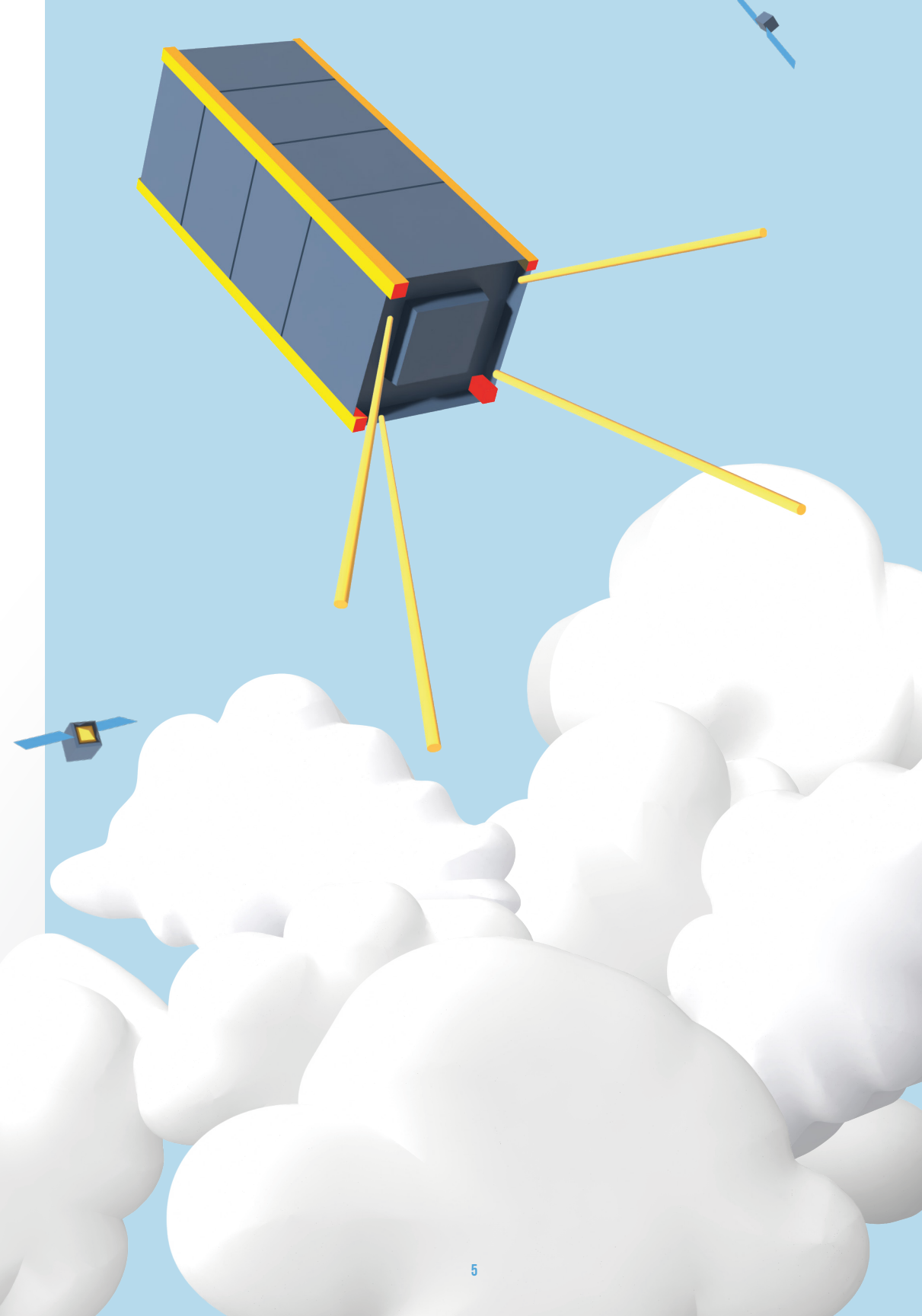
Abstracts are selected by a peer review panel based on the following:

- Appropriate technical content
- Value and relevance to Conference and session topic
- Lack of advertisement/marketing*

Please Note:

- If accepted to present, authors are required to submit a technical paper (deadline June 12) to accompany the oral presentation.
- Posters and Flash Talks do not require a technical paper, but authors are welcome to submit one for the Conference proceedings.
- The Small Satellite Conference will distribute abstracts to outside reviewers after the deadline. Proper approval and clearances are the responsibility of the authors; please plan accordingly.
- Accepted presentations and papers will be included in the Small Satellite Conference online proceedings.

For technical program questions, contact:
Marianne Sidwell (marianne.sidwell@sdl.usu.edu)



COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

The Small Satellite Conference provides exhibitors the chance to make new business associations and increase company exposure while offering great networking opportunities. Don't miss out on the chance to showcase your organization!

Application Dates

- Opening date: **December 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM MT**
- Closing date: **January 15, 2026 at 11:59 PM MT**

Application Procedure

Application

- The SmallSat application window is open December 2, 2025 – January 15, 2026. Please go to www.smallsat.org to apply as an exhibitor.
- The email address used during application will be the only access to the online exhibit account and will receive all future correspondence for your company, including acceptance notification. Please plan accordingly.
- Please understand that this is an application, not a guarantee of acceptance.

Acceptance

- As more applications may be received than spaces to exhibit, acceptance to the show and priority of booth selection is based on each company's credits as of January 1, 2026.
- New exhibiting companies that apply will be entered into a weighted lottery; no minimum requirement of credits exists for application or lottery entry. Any new company with sponsorship or donation credits, or companies that have applied in previous years, will be weighted heavier in the lottery. We reserve a select number of exhibit spaces each year for new exhibitors.
- All companies will be notified by January 29, 2026, regarding their acceptance status.

Booth Selection

- Accepted companies' booth selections will take place in batches, according to credits, starting in early February 2026.

Commercial Exhibit Space

Tabletop (2' × 8') is \$2,000; includes two Full Access passes

Single booth (10' × 10') is \$3,500; includes three Full Access passes

Double booth (10' × 20') is \$6,500; includes five Full Access passes

Quad booth (20' × 20') is \$8,500; includes seven Full Access passes

The complimentary full access passes are exclusively intended for staff actively working within the booth.

Credit System

In our credit system, organizations can earn credits through various avenues. Credits determine booth selection order based on accumulated credits as of December 31, 2025. These credits are cumulatively calculated from 1992 to the present year. Organizations can earn credits through the following:

- Exhibit at the Conference – 5 credits per year
- Sponsorships – 2 credits per year
- Donation to Student Competition of \$1,000 or more – 2 credits per year
- Open Industry Social Events – 2 credits
 - Multiple companies can co-host an event, and each participating company will receive 2 credits
 - Host an Open Industry Social Event and get priority booth selection for your exhibit

We're here to help facilitate connections between organizations interested in co-hosting. If you'd like assistance or have questions, please reach out to exhibit@smallsat.org.

PRIORITY BOOTH SELECTION

Host an approved open-invite Industry Social and unlock early booth selection perks.

To Qualify:

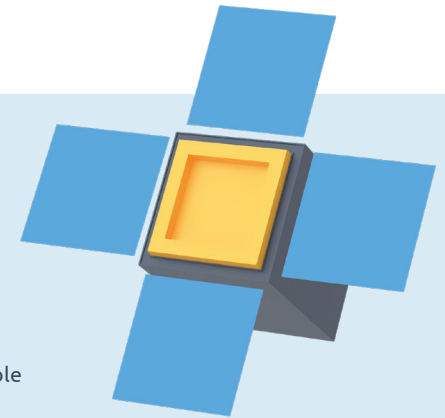
- Book an approved open-invite event by Dec. 31
- Make payment arrangements, with a non-refundable down payment, by Feb. 1

What you get:

- Priority booth preference for premier and partner hosts during booth selection.
- 2 Exhibitor Credits (for all qualifying hosts)

Only major sponsors receive priority booth selection. All co-hosts still receive full credit benefits.

This is a one-year opportunity to gain special access to thank our hosts for creating something unforgettable.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorship Registration Dates

- Opening date: **December 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM MT**
- Closing date: **May 21, 2026 at 11:59 PM MT**

All companies wishing to elevate their visibility during the Conference are invited to purchase sponsorships, earning 2 company credits. Sponsors receive increased exposure through Conference publications, the SmallSat website, and on-site recognition. Sponsorships are available to any organization, regardless of exhibit participation, and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

To view sponsorship benefits, go to www.smallsat.org.

2026 Sponsorship Options

Conference Wi-Fi: \$13,000

Smartphone App: \$10,000

Full Conference Session Livestream: \$8,000

Session Sponsorship: \$6,000

Community Lounge: \$6,000

Charging Station: \$6,000

University Exhibit: \$5,000

All Day Coffee: \$3,500

2026 Co-Sponsorship Options

"Munch and Mingle" Luncheon: \$3,000

Ice Cream Social (Tuesday Only): \$2,500

Exhibit Opening Meet, Greet & Eat: \$2,500

Flash Talk Session: \$1,500

Morning Refreshment Break: \$1,250 (Tuesday & Wednesday)

Afternoon Refreshment Break: \$1,250 (Monday & Wednesday)

Popcorn: \$1,000

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Small Satellite Conference welcomes all students and encourages participation, whether by presenting a paper, involvement in the University Exhibit, or simply attending the Conference. With industry professionals, researchers, and exhibitors in attendance, the Conference is an excellent opportunity to make contacts while learning more about career opportunities.

University Exhibit Space

The University Exhibit provides opportunities for students to meet potential employers, graduate advisors, and peers with similar interests. University exhibit space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tabletop (2' x 8') is \$350

University Registration Dates

- Opening date: **December 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM MT**
- Closing date: **May 22, 2026 at 11:59 PM MT**

Travel Awards

The SmallSat Travel Award Program grants a select number of travel reimbursements to deserving full-time students desiring to attend the Small Satellite Conference. To apply for this assistance, visit our website at www.smallsat.org. Applications must be received by **May 14, 2026**.

34TH ANNUAL FRANK J. REDD STUDENT COMPETITION

February 9 – March 31, 2026

The Frank J. Redd Student Competition provides students with the opportunity to share their work on small satellite concepts, research, and missions. This is the premiere aerospace competition in the nation. All finalists will receive significant monetary awards and will present on the main stage at the Small Satellite Conference.

Papers should be focused on relevant experimentation and research related to small satellites, their systems and subsystems, and related infrastructure such as launch vehicles, ground systems, data processing, and mission concepts.

Participation is open to full-time undergraduate and graduate students (masters only) pursuing a degree in an engineering or scientific discipline at an accredited college or university. Students seeking a PhD degree are not eligible for the student competition but are invited to submit their research for consideration in Conference Technical Sessions. For complete competition rules and guidelines, visit our website at www.smallsat.org.

Donations

An endowment fund has been set up to facilitate the Student Competition and Travel Awards. For easy tax-deductible donations, go to www.smallsat.org.

2025 Winners

Jeremy Hawke

“ The FJR Student Competition was an amazing experience, and I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in it. It was fascinating seeing the exceptional work presented by the other finalists and thrilling to have the opportunity to present in front of such a distinguished and diverse panel of judges from each sector of the space industry. I highly encourage any students working on satellite projects to submit their work to the FJR Student Competition, as it truly is a fantastic opportunity for personal and professional development – in addition to the fun and excitement that come with the competition. ”

Benjamin Nero

“ The FJR Student Competition was an invaluable experience for both my personal and professional development. The entire process—from writing the paper to presenting in front of a panel of experts from industry and academia—allowed me to greatly improve my technical writing and presentation skills. I am immensely grateful to the competition committee for providing us with the opportunity to present our work to the broader small satellite community, and I know that the experience I have gained here will continue to benefit me professionally for years to come. I would highly recommend all students working on small satellite projects to submit papers to this competition. ”





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