

Space Day FORUM

Impact, Reach and Partnership Opportunity



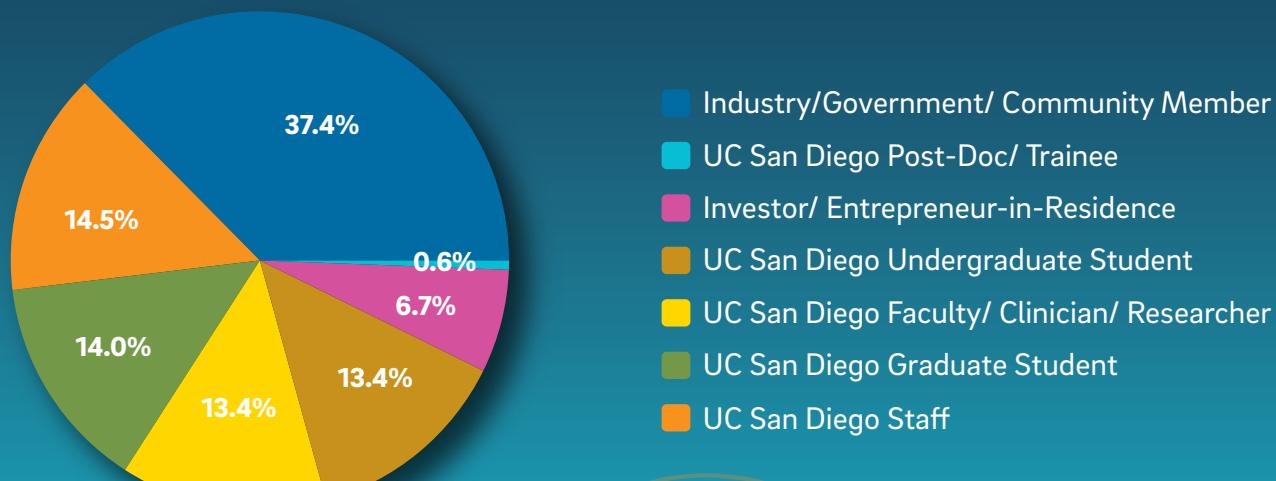
At a Glance

Held on November 20, 2025, the second annual UC San Diego Space Day Forum convened leaders across government, industry, academia, and the startup ecosystem for a high-impact day of collaboration, lightning pitches, and strategic dialogue on the future of space across national security and dual-use applications, life sciences, telecommunications, and emerging technologies.

Event Outcomes

- 380+ total unique registrations
- Sold out event with ~200 in-person attendees (50%+ conversion rate)
- 90+ unique organizations represented
- 95% expressed interest in attending again in 2026
- ~50/50 split between industry/government/investors/community and UC San Diego faculty, staff & students

Ticket Type Distribution (Unique Registrations)



Who Joined Us

The Space Day Forum brings together influential decision-makers shaping the national space ecosystem.



Notable Speakers & Attendees

- **Viasat** – Steve Hart (Co-Founder), Kristi Jaska (Vice President Emeritus), Matt Martinez (VP of Transformation)
- **DARPA** – Dominic Gallelo, Chair, Investment Committee
- **CA GO-Biz** – Maria Onorato, Associate Deputy Director
- **SpaceWERX / U.S. Space Force** – Capt. Andrew Ermitano, Ventures Deputy Chief
- **City of San Diego** – Dan Moore, Chief Global Affairs Officer
- **The Aerospace Corporation** – Sabrina Steele, Executive Director, Corporate Affairs & Communications
- **Varda Space Industries** – Michael Reily, Chief Strategy Officer
- **UC San Diego Sanford Stem Cell Institute / ISSCOR** – Dr. Cat Jamieson, Director



Join Us in Shaping Space Day Forum 2026

UC San Diego is committed to building a long-term, high-impact community at the nexus of space, national security, science, and dual-use innovation.

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