California's Vision for the United States Space Academy

California proposes the San Francisco Bay Area as the home of the United States Space Academy, with the **Presidio of San Francisco**, a national park site, as its flagship campus, supported by specialized facilities at **NASA Ames**. The full breadth of the **University of California** system will provide curriculum for students, with three years at the Presidio and a fourth year of instruction at institutions across the entire state.

The California proposal meets the Academy's aggressive timeline in a realistic and cost-effective manner.

The Presidio offers an iconic and vibrant campus of historic buildings, housing, open space, and supporting infrastructure, from which the Academy could welcome its inaugural class in 2028 and grow into a permanent campus serving 1,200 students by Fall 2031 and approximately 4,000 at maturity.

Once a U.S. Army post, today the Presidio is a nearly 1,500 acre national park site and National Historic Landmark District where people live, work, and visit. The park features a stunning natural and historic setting, recreational areas, and utilities.

No current tenants or residents would be displaced for this project, and the Presidio would remain free and open to the public. Two sites at Moffett Field would extend the Academy's capabilities into applied research and development and mission operations.

This proposal leverages California's unrivaled ecosystem of aerospace and technology assets to establish a national institution dedicated to preparing those who will explore, develop, operate, and lead America's future in space.



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Home to multiple NASA centers and laboratories, leading aerospace and commercial space companies, pioneering research institutions, and the nation's largest concentration of advanced technology and innovation, the Academy will have deep knowledge and resources to draw on in California.

The State's groundbreaking technology industry would contribute expertise in artificial intelligence, robotics and autonomous systems, advanced computing, semiconductor design and manufacturing, and the development and commercialization of emerging technologies critical to the future of space.

The University of California, California State University, California Community Colleges, private academic institutions, NASA centers, Department of Energy national laboratories, and national security and industry partners would provide world-class education, research, technical training and capabilities, and professional experience.

California's entertainment industry would inspire the ability to imagine and bring to life a future once confined to science fiction.

The State would support implementation through infrastructure coordination, financing tools, permitting assistance, and workforce initiatives.

Students would complete a common academic core, specialized majors, technical apprenticeships, and professional internships. Under California's proposal, the fourth year curriculum would be organized around advanced specialization at University of California campuses across the state, utilizing the distinctive capabilities of the entire system and making statewide participation an integral part of the Academy's degree program.

This national service Academy for the space age will combine American aerospace leadership with the imagination and ambition that define California — offering extraordinary natural beauty, an exceptional climate, and unparalleled opportunities to learn, innovate, and build the future.

California's proposal is led by the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), with the University of California as its principal academic partner.

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