What is Space Grant?

LPL is home to the Arizona Space Grant Consortium. Led by a statewide team of managers and affiliate representatives, Arizona Space Grant is part of The National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program, established by Congress in 1987. Space Grant contributes to the nation's science enterprise by implementing research, education and public service projects through a national network of university-based Space Grant consortia.

The specific objectives of the program are:

- To establish a national network of universities with interests and capabilities in aeronautics, space and related fields;
- To encourage cooperative programs among universities, aerospace industry, and federal, state and local governments;
- To encourage interdisciplinary training research, and public-service programs related to aerospace;
- To recruit and train professionals, especially women and underrepresented minorities, for careers in aerospace science, technology, and allied fields; and
- To promote a strong science, math, and technology educational base from elementary through university levels.

The AZSGC mission is to expand opportunities for Americans to learn about and participate in NASA’s aeronautics and space programs by supporting and enhancing science, and engineering education, research, and delivering high quality public education programs. Our goal is to integrate research with education to help build a diverse, scientifically literate citizenry and a well-prepared science, engineering and technology workforce.