As a nonprofit unit of the Utah State University Research Foundation, the Space Dynamics Laboratory (SDL) has been solving the technical challenges faced by the military, science community, and industry since 1959.

As one of the nation’s University Affiliated Research Centers (UARCs) and a strategic and trusted Government agent, SDL has been responsible for the design, fabrication, and operation of sensors on over 430 space missions, and over 500 deployed hardware and software ground systems for space and airborne tactical reconnaissance research and development.

SDL is headquartered in North Logan, Utah, with seven field office locations across the US, including Albuquerque, New Mexico; Bedford, Massachusetts; Dayton Ohio; Huntsville, Alabama; Houston, Texas; Los Angeles, California; and Washington, DC.

SDL AT A GLANCE
• Work vital to national security
• One of Utah’s top 25 employers
• Headquartered in Logan, Utah
• Seven field offices across the country
• Six decades of heritage
• High employee job satisfaction and retention
• Close-knit, team-focused environment
• Highly educated workforce
• 14.2% retirement contribution
• 22 days (176 hours) of annual leave; 12 days (96 hours) sick leave
• Strong work community culture
• Flexible work schedule
• Education discounts at Utah State University

SDL’S PEOPLE ARE OUR GREATEST ASSET
The reason for SDL’s prosperity and longevity comes down to the caliber of our employees. Highly educated with a strong work ethic, our employees love what they do and foster a close-knit, team-focused environment.

SDL employees have a strong sense of community and are family oriented. We celebrate our professional achievements and provide an internal awards program where employees can nominate each other for outstanding performance. We also support family needs and personal interests. As part of our efforts to achieve an equitable work-life balance, SDL encourages employees to form clubs based on like-interests, such as our golf and racquetball clubs.
WHAT IS IT LIKE TO LIVE IN NORTHERN UTAH?
Utah is widely perceived to be a desert state. While this is true of southern Utah, the northern part of the state is similar to Denver, Colorado, with rivers, lakes, and the spectacular Wasatch mountains. The benefit of living in a state with such a diverse climate is the variety of available outdoor activities. From hiking, mountain biking, skiing, and snowshoeing to camping, swimming, boating, hunting, and fishing—the options are endless.

If outdoor adventures are not where your interests lie, there are plenty of events and festivals hosted by the surrounding area, such as the Utah Festival Opera and Musical Theater, Cache Valley Mountain Man Rendezvous, Cache Valley Storytelling Festival, and the Cache Valley Cruise-In. Additional events include annual fairs and rodeos across the valley. The close proximity to Utah State University also ensures numerous sports, theater, and fine arts events year round.

As an agricultural community, Cache Valley proudly holds a weekly gardeners’ market during the summer months and participates in numerous events celebrating local produce, including River Heights Apple Days, Brigham City Peach Days, and Bear Lake Raspberry Days.

When you need to travel, Salt Lake City is only an hour and a half commute and the airport is a Delta travel hub, second in size only to Atlanta in the US.

LOGAN QUICK FACTS
Logan has been highlighted in several national rankings. In 2016, Forbes ranked Logan at #3 for the best small places for business and careers. In 2005, Sperling’s Best Places ranked Logan #4 in its Ten Best Emerging Places to Live in Emerging Metropolitan Areas.
- Profile: College town
- Time Zone: Mountain Standard Time
- Elevation: 4,507 ft
- Average Commute Time: 14.4 minutes
- Median home listing price: 209K
- One of the lowest violent crime rates in the country
- All four seasons
- Friendly residents
- Strong economy