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Florida can launch the U.S. Space Academy faster, finance it smarter and place its students at the center of America's space enterprise.

2027	300	1,000	1,200+
GROUNDBREAKING	STUDENTS AT UCF, FALL 2028	ACRES OF NASA LAND AT KSC	STUDENTS BY FALL 2031

01 READY TO MOVE FAST

The University of Central Florida, with the support from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and the Space University Research Consortium, is ready to host 300 students in Fall 2028, with the Academy operating as a distinct college at UCF. The permanent site will sit on 1,000 acres of NASA land at Kennedy Space Center. NASA can make it available by amending Space Florida's existing Launch and Landing Facility property agreement. That path supports groundbreaking in 2027 and a permanent campus for at least 1,200 students by Fall 2031.

02 SMART FUNDING OPTIONS

Florida blends in-kind investments and strategic financing to reduce costs to NASA. The state has already invested more than $680 million in space transportation infrastructure, most of it at or near the proposed site. Roads and site infrastructure can be supported through the FDOT State Work Program and the Space Florida Spaceport Improvement Program. Space Florida can finance and develop Academy facilities through lease-purchase agreements, ground leases and public-private partnerships, the same model it used with NASA to return the former Shuttle Landing Facility to active service.

03 TRAIN WHERE IT HAPPENS

Students would train where America's space enterprise operates at scale, every day. Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral Space Force Station and many of the nation's leading commercial space companies all operate here. Florida is the only state where civil, national security and commercial space work side by side at this scale.



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