

## NASA Rhode Island Space Grant

2016 Northeast Regional Meeting (NYC)





#### Rhode Island Space Grant Consortium

Brown University Lead (Providence, RI)
Bryant University (Smithfield, RI)
Community College of Rhode Island (Lincoln, RI)
Graduate School of Oceanography (URI, Narragansett Bay, RI)
Providence College (Providence, RI)
Rhode Island College (Providence, RI)
Rhode Island School of Design (Providence, RI)
Museum of Natural History and Cormack Planetarium (Providence, RI)
Roger Williams University (Bristol, RI)
Salve Regina University (Newport, RI)
University of Rhode Island (Kingston, RI)
Wheaton College (Norton, MA)

#### **PARTNERS**

Ladd Observatory (Brown)
Northeast Planetary Data Center (Brown)
Krupowicz Planetarium (Middletown, RI)



## Rhode Island Space Grant Programs

- Fellowships and Scholarships: ~15-20
  - Academic Year
  - Summer awards
- > Travel Grants: 6
- ➤ Research Seed Grants: ~\$5-\$10K (4)
- > Curriculum Development: (2)
- Under-represented programs: 3
- ➤ NASA network opportunities



### RISD Course Development

## Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) Highlights









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Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)

Highlights





# Mars Ascent Vehicle RISD Studio Class Challenge





### RISD Studio Class Challenge

#### Outcomes

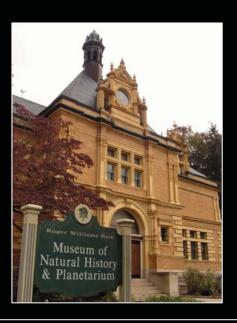
#### Student Hiring

- NASA JSC: hired 8 students over last 10 years
- SAIC Industrial Designer: Aberdeen Proving Ground
- Interdisciplinary Designer: TEAGUE (Everett, WA):
   industrial, technical, and mechanical design groups on a
   range of projects for Boeing aircraft interiors
- Engineer: US BioDesign (biomedical textiles)
- Exhibit Designer and Visual Information Specialist: Smithsonian Institution in DC

#### Broader involvement across RISD

- NASA's Human Exploration Rover Challenge
- *Textiles Course* (NASA JSC collaboration)
- Digital Media Course (graduate program)
- Research on development of a *low-gravity space suit simulator*
- Research on new flexible space glove





# Museum of Natural History

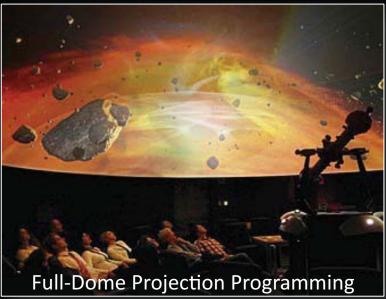
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- Statewide Networking with educators
  - Krupowicz Planetarium (Middletown, RI)
  - Woonsocket Public Schools
  - Informal educator collaborations (Providence)
- NASA-themed exhibits and educator workshops
- NASA Room
  - NASA-themed exhibits
  - Developed in conjunction with colleges& universities
  - Focus for educator workshops
  - Over 43,500 visitors and 20 special events



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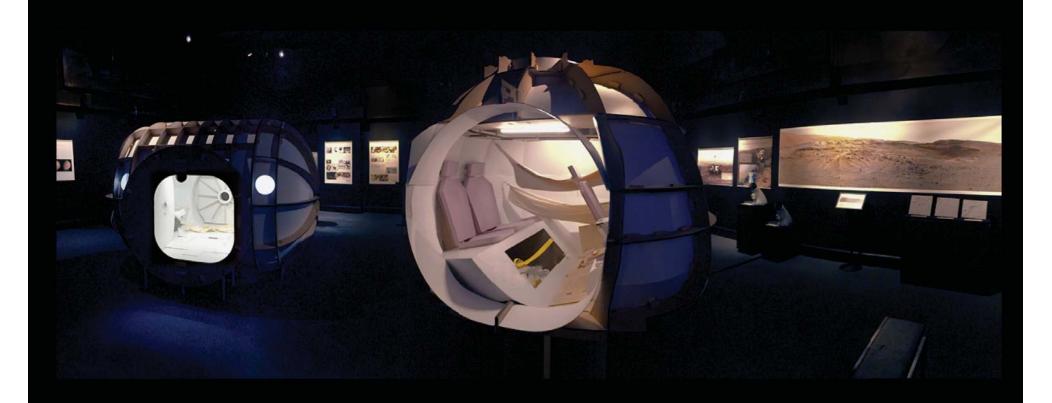
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## Now Showing!

## The Red Planet: Going to Mars



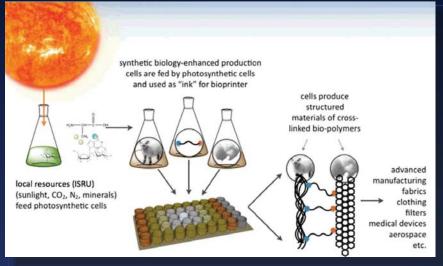


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  - o Grand Vision:
- Focuses on different topics each year (student identified)
- Work toward international competition (iGEM Jamboree, Boston)
  - Gold medal for the Best Manufacturing category
  - Nominated as a finalist in the Best Composite Part, Best Parts Collection, and Best Poster categories
- Large outreach effort
- Students participate in World Maker Faire (NYC)
- New NASA grant and paper





## **Space Horizons Series**





Topical Workshops on Alternative Strategies for Low-cost Missions

- Every February
- Brown Engineering
- Rick Fleeter
- 8<sup>th</sup> year



#### Northeast Planetary Data Center

**Brown University** 

## Large-Format 3D Printing





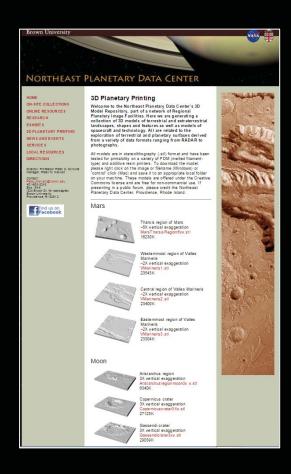




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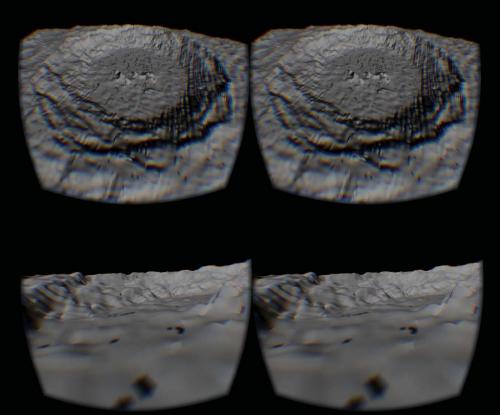


#### Northeast Planetary Data Center

## Brown University Seth Horowitz (NeuroPop)

## Virtual Reality and Motion Sickness

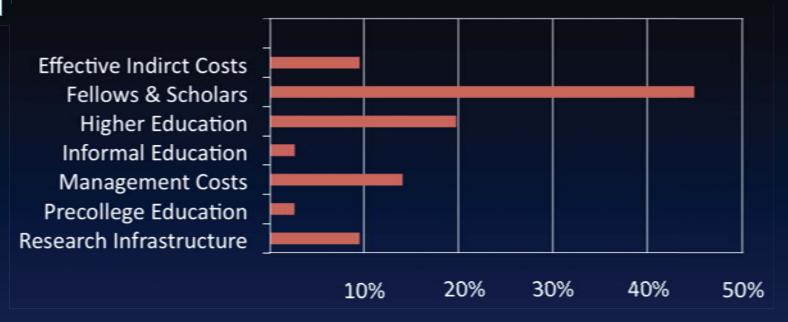






#### Distribution

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Consortium Members: Brown University (Lead) ★ Bryant University

- ★ Community College of Rhode Island ★ Ladd Observatory
- ★ NASA Educators Resource Center in RI ★ Northeast Regional Data Center
- ★ Providence College ★ Roger Williams Park Natural History Museum and Cormack Planetarium ★ Roger Williams University ★ Rhode Island College
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- ★ University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography ★ Wheaton College