

2024



**SURF
FOUNDATION**
Annual Report

Supporting the advancement of world-class science
and inspiring learning across generations.



The Sanford Underground Research Facility's (SURF) primary mission is "to advance world-class science and inspire learning across generations."

To carry out that mission, SURF creates and delivers educational programming that encourages students to ask questions and find solutions. We host events designed to generate community interest in scientific discovery and invite collaboration among researchers.

As the philanthropic arm of SURF, the Foundation builds strong relationships around the globe and opens doors for public and corporate contributions to support the mission.

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Message from the Board Chair



Dear Friends of SURF,

The SURF Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, had a meaningful and productive year in 2024. With the continued support of donors, corporate partners, and our community, we remained committed to supporting SURF's education, culture, and outreach initiatives.

Following the construction of Čchanġléska Wakhán, SURF's new ethnobotanical garden, in November 2023, we were delighted to see a full summer of programming come to life through the Deep Roots initiative—bringing people together around culture, learning, and community.

The Institute for Underground Science at SURF also launched its first year of programming in 2024, engaging more than 350 individuals from 24 countries. These efforts are helping to cultivate a vibrant intellectual community centered around science and discovery.

SURF's education and outreach team reached over 17,000 K–12 students and 450 teachers through field trips, science curriculum, and professional development workshops.

The Sanford Underground Homestake Visitor Center welcomed over 60,000 guests, and more than 2,200 attendees participated in the 17th annual Neutrino Day celebration. Signature programs like Deep Talks and the Artist-in-Residence program continue to connect our communities with the innovative work being done at SURF and beyond.

As we look ahead to 2025, we're excited to grow our team and continue strengthening the Foundation's role in advancing SURF's mission through fundraising, partnerships, and community support.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your generosity helps make these opportunities possible and inspires curiosity across generations. We look forward to the path ahead.

Warmly,
Beth Massa
Board Chair, SURF Foundation

Year One in Review

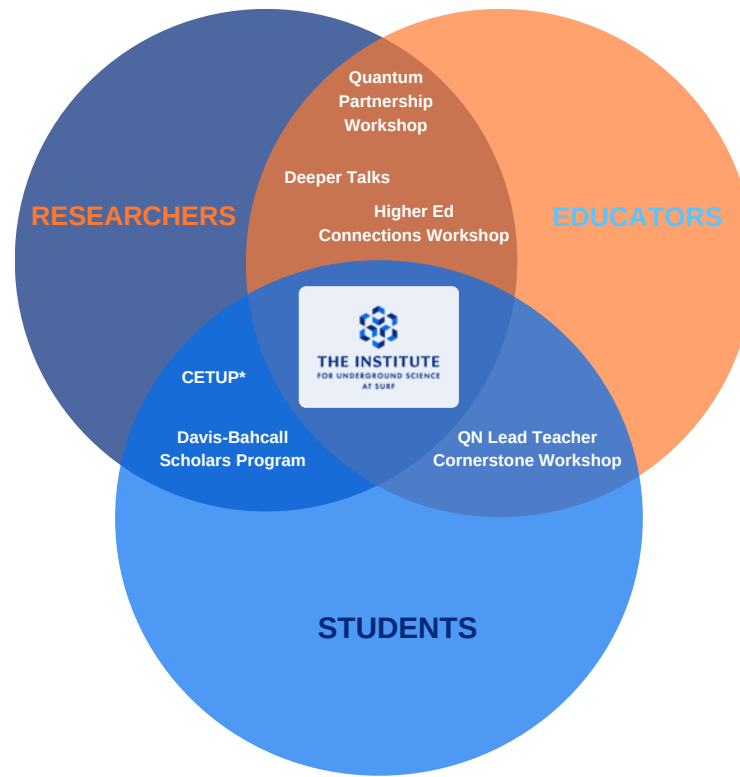
The Institute for Underground Science at SURF

In its first full year, the Institute implemented a slate of dynamic programs designed to foster interdisciplinary collaboration, strengthen partnerships, expand educational opportunities, construct a path for future generations, and build intellectual community. Each program connects researchers, educators, and students, driving collaboration and innovation.

Programming has drawn participation at local, national, and international levels and continues to grow.

As The Institute heads into its second year, the SURF Foundation will begin exploring funding partnerships to support this important work.

Learn more: <https://institute.surf/>



6 Programs

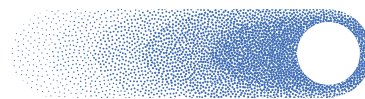
360+ Participants

24 Countries



Key area of Impact

Inspiring Future Scientists



17,241

This year, the Education and Outreach team reached 17,241 K-12 students.

Paid summer internships awarded to students.

8



8

Students participated in the Davis-Bahcall Scholars Program.

Curriculum units sent to K-12 schools.

67



450

K-12 educators participated in teacher professional development programming in South Dakota.



Key Area of Impact

Community Engagements and Events



**SURF public
outreach
events and
presentations**

7,011
Attendees

Statement of Financial Position

Sanford Underground Research Facility Foundation

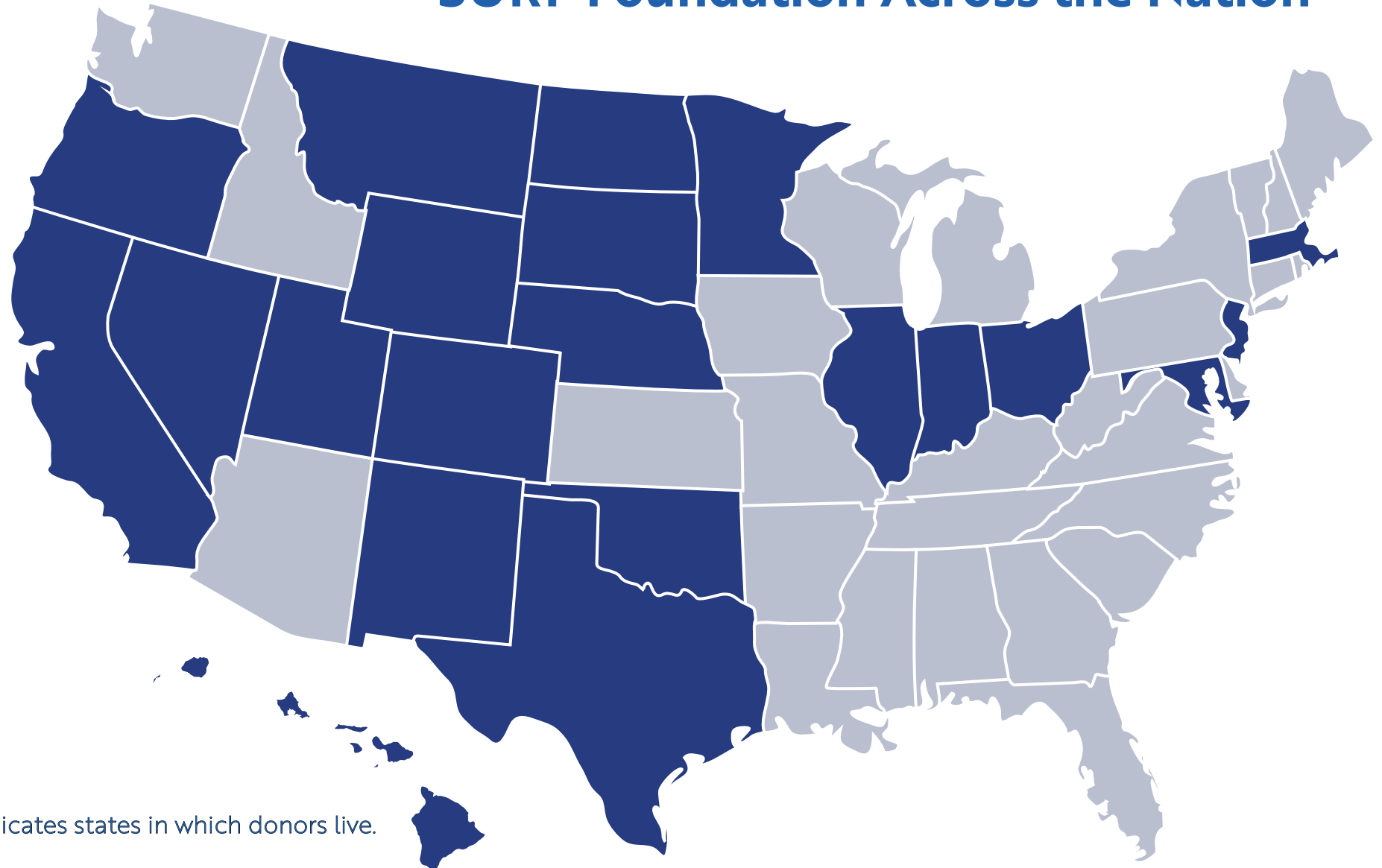
Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2024

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
First Interstate Checking	48,905.34
Total Bank Accounts	\$48,905.34
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$48,905.34
Other Assets	
Contributions Receivable	15,000.00
Total Other Assets	\$15,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$63,905.34
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Restricted	
Davis-Bachall	15,000.00
Garden	0.00
Interns	33,386.91
Public Outreach	8,000.00
STEM Education	37.52
SURF Institute	200.00
Visitor Center	0.00
Total Restricted	56,624.43
Retained Earnings	13,770.45
Unrestricted	7,280.91
Net Revenue	-13,770.45
Total Equity	\$63,905.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$63,905.34

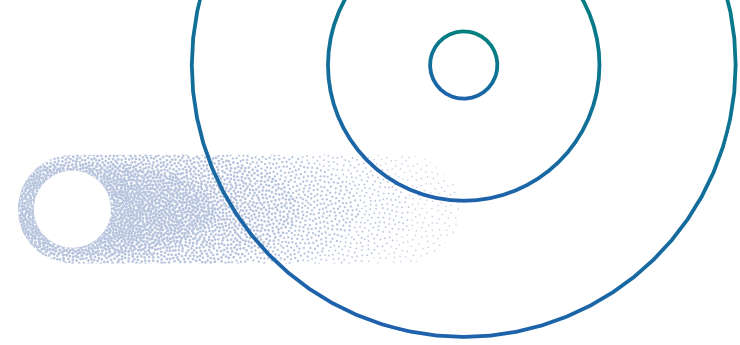
Where are our donors?

SURF Foundation Across the Nation



■ Indicates states in which donors live.

Ways to give



Partners of the SURF Foundation

Monthly and recurring gifts are the driving force in supporting the advancement of world-class science and inspiring learning across generations.

Individual Gift

Gifts to the SURF Foundation Endowment Fund, which is like an interest-earning savings account, are invested and the principle is untouched to maintain a strong financial base for future needs.

Planned Giving

Planned giving provides an opportunity for you to ensure an investment in the future of SURF and leave a legacy that will impact future generations.

Corporate Partnerships

We are proud to partner with organizations and businesses that share our vision to support STEM initiatives.

We are thankful for you!



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