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Our Mission

To facilitate interstellar research and exploration by hosting regular summit meetings, encouraging educational advances, publishing technical and scientific papers, and supporting literature and culture, all in the service of enhancing public understanding and dialogue toward interstellar exploration.

IRG will assist in building a technological, philosophical, and economic infrastructure that advances the goal of establishing outposts throughout the Solar System and, finally, achieving a pathway to the stars.



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IRG serves as a critical incubator of ideas for the interstellar community.

Interstellar Symposia

IRG has hosted eight “main stage” symposia between 2011 and 2023, and two special topic symposia in 2018 and 2024.

Professional Publications

Papers presented at IRG’s Interstellar Symposia are collected and submitted as special editions to peer-reviewed journals.

From Here to the Stars Podcast

Our monthly video podcast offers insights from industry leaders on the efforts being made to push humanity to becoming an interstellar species.

Scholarship Program

Our 2025 Scholarship opportunities include three \$2,500 scholarships, the Tim Bolgeo Undergraduate Scholarship, one master’s level scholarship, and one doctoral level scholarship for qualifying students.

Symposia Impacts

- Three-book series of technical monographs published by Elsevier
 - *Interstellar Travel: Purpose and Motivations*
 - *Interstellar Travel: Propulsion, Life Support, Communications, and the Long Journey*
 - *Interstellar Travel: After Arrival*
- Special Issues of *Acta Astronautica*, feature papers from the 7th and 8th Interstellar Symposia
- Two anthologies published by Baen Books, *Stellaris* and *Going Interstellar*, feature contributors from IRG Interstellar Symposia



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