

SURA 2025 Workshop Agenda

Emerging Research in
Space Biology

Tuesday, February 25th, Day 1

- 9:00 AM Welcome
- 9:15-10:30 AM Panel Discussion: Plant Biology & Agriculture
Moderator: **Dr. Robert Ferl**, Distinguished Professor and Asst. Vice President for Research, University of Florida
Speakers: **Dr. Kristin Kopperud**, Science Program Director for the International Space Station National Lab; **Dr. Anna-Lisa Paul**, Research Professor and Director of the Interdisciplinary Center for Biotechnology Research, University of Florida; **Dr. Gioia Massa**, Project Scientist, NASA Kennedy Space Center
- 10:30-11:00 AM Break
- 11:00 AM-12:30 PM Panel Discussion: Human Physiology & Medical Research
Moderator: **Parks Easter**, Chief Geotechnical Engineer at the Exolith Lab, University of Central Florida
Speakers: **Dr. Rachael Siedler**, Professor and Deputy Director of Astraeus Space Institute, University of Florida; **Dr. Emmanuel Urquieta**, Vice Chair of Aerospace Medicine and Associate Professor, University of Central Florida
- 12:30-1:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30-3:00 PM Plenary/Panel Discussion: Development of Innovative Research to Investigate and Support Life
Moderator: **Dr. Sylvain Guiriec**, Associate Professor, George Washington University
Speakers: **Dr. Joel Olson**, Subject Matter Expert, NASA Kennedy Space Center; **Dr. Laurent Sibille**, Senior Technology Development Scientist, NASA Kennedy Space Center
- 3:00-3:30 PM Break
- 3:30-4:30 PM Small Group Discussions
- 4:30-5:00 PM Closeout Day 1



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Wednesday, February 26th, Day 2

- 9:00-9:15 AM Welcome from SURA's CEO, **Dr. Sean Hearne**
- 9:15-10:30 AM Plenary: NASA Research Priorities in Space Biology
Speaker: **Dr. Elison Blancaflor**, Portfolio Scientist at NASA Kennedy Space Center
- 10:30-10:45 AM Break
- 10:45-12:15 PM Panel Discussion: Successful Public/Private Partnerships
Moderator: **Carolyn Wilson**, Director of Space Science and Technology Programs, SURA
Speakers: **Michael Miller**, Vice President of External Affairs and Workforce Integration, Space Florida; **Deborah Wells**, Vice President for Space Exploration and Mission Operations, Leidos; **Dr. Jose Nunez**, University Partnerships and Small Satellite Capabilities Manager, NASA Kennedy Space Center
- 12:15-1:00 PM Closing Discussion
- 1:00-2:00 PM Lunch

