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# UAP Research Programmes and Initiatives

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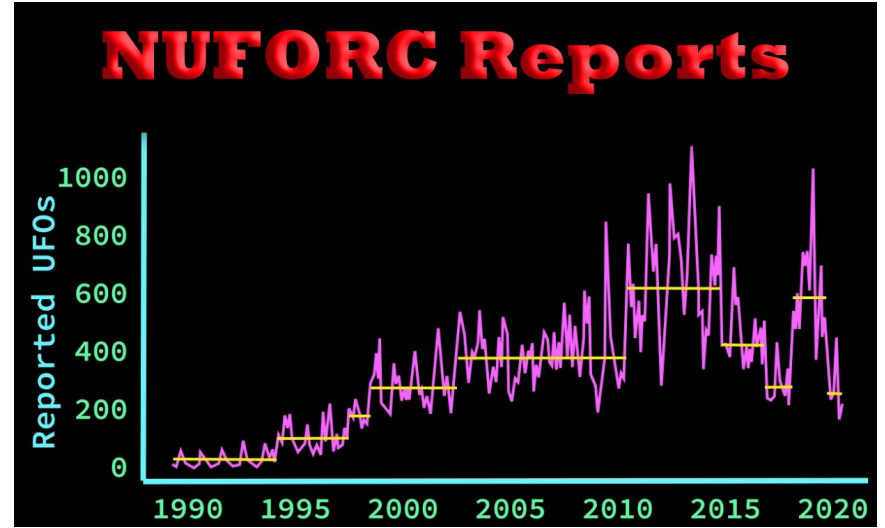
# National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC)



NUFORC, founded in 1974 by Robert J. Gribble, has meticulously catalogued nearly 90,000 reported UFO sightings, with a majority occurring in the United States. Over its history, the center has played a crucial role in record-keeping and has provided valuable statistical data and graphs for researchers seeking information. Notably, Slate Magazine published an interactive graph created by the current director, Peter Davenport, showcasing the density of sightings in different areas. This extensive catalog serves as a valuable resource for analyzing the distribution and frequency of UFO sightings.

## Davenport's Work and UFO Phenomena

Peter Davenport, the director of NUFORC since 1994, describes himself as a UFO believer but skeptic. He has diligently catalogued various types of UFO phenomena throughout the years, including flying saucers, colored lights, and triangles. While Davenport has not claimed that any two phenomena are identical, his work has been commended by James Oberg for providing a valuable service in the field.



**Activity:** NUFORC is an organization that collects and analyzes UFO sighting reports from individuals across the United States. It serves as a central hub for reporting and documenting UFO sightings

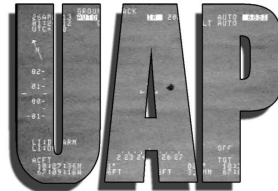
# Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies (SCU)



**Activity:** *The Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies is a group of scientists, researchers, and analysts dedicated to studying and analyzing Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP). They aim to bring scientific rigor and analysis to the field of UAP research.*

The Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies (SCU) is an organization founded in 2017 that focuses on the scientific investigation and analysis of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP), commonly known as UFOs. Comprised of scientists, researchers, and professionals from various scientific fields, SCU aims to bring a systematic and evidence-based approach to the study of UAP. Their mission is to promote rigorous scientific research and collaboration, aiming to advance the understanding of UAP through the application of scientific methodologies and technologies.

Credit: Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies (SCU)



## Notable Achievements and Impact

SCU has made significant contributions to the scientific understanding of UAP. Their research and analysis have resulted in peer-reviewed scientific papers that provide valuable insights into UAP behavior and characteristics. SCU's work challenges conventional explanations and prompts further investigation into the origins of UAP. Additionally, SCU's commitment to scientific integrity and evidence-based research has elevated the discourse around UAP, distinguishing scientifically valid evidence from speculation.

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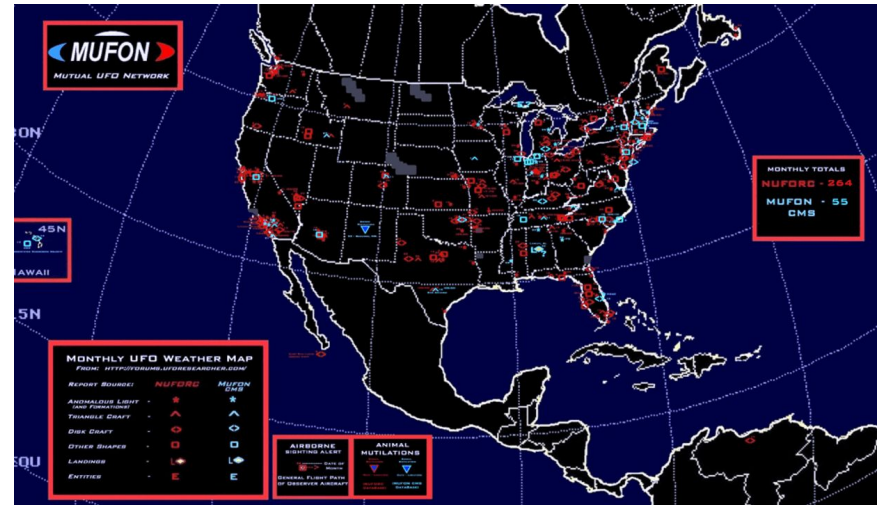
# Mutual UFO Network (MUFON)



MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, is a non-profit organization composed of civilian volunteers dedicated to studying reported UFO sightings. Established in 1969 as the Midwest UFO Network, it has since expanded worldwide, with over 4,000 members in 43 countries and all 50 states. While MUFON is one of the oldest and largest organizations in its field, it has faced criticism for its focus on pseudoscience and accusations that its investigators do not adhere to the scientific method.

Headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, MUFON operates chapters in every U.S. state and conducts an annual international symposium. The organization publishes the monthly MUFON UFO Journal and established Mutual UFO Network University, an online institution to train members in investigating UFO sightings. MUFON boasts over 500 field investigators and specialized teams tasked with examining potential physical evidence of extraterrestrial craft. Volunteers undergo training, including passing an exam based on a comprehensive manual and undergoing a background check. MUFON also provides a newsroom and case management system on its website for efficient data organization.

MUFON has faced criticism on multiple fronts. Some critics argue that the organization has strayed from its original "nuts and bolts UFO investigation" approach and has instead delved into pseudoscientific topics, including alien abductions, conspiracy theories, and hypnotic regression.



This "UFO Weather Map" is based on data from the Mutual UFO Network as well as the National UFO Reporting Center. The map illustrates the national spread of UFO reports.

# British UFO Research Association (BUFORA)



BUFORA, the British UFO Research Association, is a UK organization dedicated to investigating UFO phenomena specifically within the British Isles. Originally registered as "BUFORA Ltd," the organization has been actively involved in studying UFO sightings since its establishment. At one point, it had approximately 1,000 members, highlighting its significant presence in the UFO research community in the UK.

**Activities and Status:** *BUFORA conducts investigations into a considerable number of cases each year, with over 400 cases being reported for examination. However, the organization has reported that the majority of these cases, around 95%, turn out to be hoaxes. In addition to investigations, BUFORA provides support groups for individuals who believe they have had encounters with extraterrestrial beings. The organization has been hosting an annual conference at Sheffield Hallam University since 1987, fostering discussions and knowledge exchange among researchers and enthusiasts. BUFORA has also been critical of the UK government's Freedom of Information Act in relation to UFOs, expressing concerns and offering alternative viewpoints.*

BUFORA has faced controversies in its history. In one instance, an entry in the UFO Encyclopedia compiled by Major Sir Patrick Wall, a member of BUFORA, was later revealed to be a hoax. The individual who claimed to have witnessed a UFO hovering over the town of Warminster admitted to fabricating the sighting in 1994.



Credit: BBC

# International UFO Congress



The International UFO Congress is an annual conference established in 1991 in Arizona dedicated to the dissemination of information related to many aspects of ufology.



Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the International UFO Congress was an in-person event, which at its height hosted more than 1,500 attendees.

*Previously held in Laughlin, Nevada, the conference moved to the Phoenix, Arizona area in 2011. It features presentations given by authors, researchers, experts, enthusiasts, and those who claim to have witnessed paranormal or anomalous phenomena from all over the world. This week-long event usually has over thirty speakers, a film festival, vendors, and "experimenter" and findings-discussion sessions. Topics generally covered are alien abduction, UFO sightings, UFO crashes, crop circles, paranormal experiences, and government conspiracy. Previous speakers include Richard Dolan, Travis Walton, Yvonne Smith, Kathleen Marden, George Knapp, Jeremy Corbell, David Childress, Kevin Day and Alejandro Rojas among others.*

The International UFO Congress, recognized as one of the most prominent events in the field of ufology, attracts a diverse audience of researchers, enthusiasts, and curious individuals from across the globe. With its inception in 1991, the conference has continually evolved, providing a platform for cutting-edge research, groundbreaking discoveries, and thought-provoking discussions.

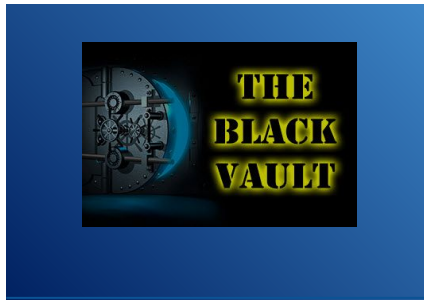
# UAP Research Initiative

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[UAP Expeditions](#)

UAP eXpeditions is an initiative dedicated to the investigation and UAP or UFOs. This initiative is led by a team of experienced researchers, scientists, and technology experts, aiming to systematically observe and analyze UAPs using advanced technology and scientific methods.



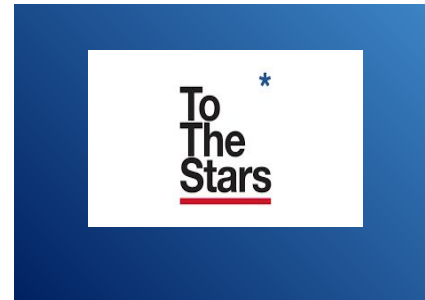
[The Black Vault](#)

The Black Vault, founded by John Greenewald Jr., is an important resource that has conducted research on the UFO and UAP phenomena. It has created an open archive by collecting government documents related to UFO/UAP observation reports, air force records, and classified operations.



[IFEX - Interdisciplinary Research Center](#)

The research center in Würzburg-Uni is dedicated to the study of UFO phenomena and extraterrestrial science. A course called "Fundamentals and Methods of UAP Research" was started in Würzburg.



[To The Stars Academy of Arts&Science](#)

As an initiative established to support research on the UFO and the UAP phenomenon, collect scientific data and inform the public, it carries out various projects to conduct scientific studies on the UAP phenomenon, analyze the observation data and raise public awareness.

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[Ufo Clearing House](#)

UFO Clearing House is a web-based initiative that focuses on UFO sightings and reports. Its purpose is to collect, verify, analyze, and share relevant information with the public regarding UFO sightings. The initiative aims to identify potentially significant and interesting UFO cases.



[Ufo Stalker](#)

UFO Stalker is a web-based initiative where UFO sightings are collected and mapped. Users observations data is visualized on an interactive map and can be viewed by other users.



OpenMinds.tv

[OpenMind Production](#)

Open Minds Production is a multimedia initiative that focuses on producing content (articles, news) related to UFOs, extraterrestrial life, and paranormal phenomena.



[Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici \(CISU\)](#)

CISU is an Italian ufological research center that studies and documents UFO sightings and conducts research in the field of ufology. An initiative that shares scientific studies, periodicals and current news and works with a scientific team of both amateur UFO researchers and experts.