

# Quick Facts



One of the world's leading science and technology business parks, Cummings Research Park (CRP) is a model for transforming research into business success. With a vibrant mixture of Fortune 500 companies, local and international high-tech enterprises, US space and defense agencies, a thriving business incubator, and competitive higher-education institutions, Cummings Research Park is the center of attention for research and technology.

<b>Location:</b>	Huntsville, Alabama
<b>Zoning:</b>	Restricted zoning for technology industries
<b>Established:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1962 - as Huntsville Research Park</li> <li>• 1973 - in Honor of Mr. Milton K. Cummings</li> <li>• 1982 - CRP West; Land Purchased by City of Huntsville</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">See History section to read more »</a></p>
<b>Ranking:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd largest research and technology park in the U.S.</li> <li>• 4th largest in the world</li> <li>• Most Outstanding Science Park in the World (AURP, 1997)</li> </ul>
<b>Land / Workforce:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Current Land Area:</b> 3,843 Acres / 1,555 Hectares More than 450 Acres (182 Hectares) remain for continued development</li> <li>• <b>Number of Companies:</b> 300</li> <li>• <b>Workforce:</b> 29,000 workers</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Number of Buildings:</b> 175</li> <li>• <b>Capacity:</b> 9.5 million Square Feet</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Air Access:</b> Huntsville International Airport (10-minute drive)</li> <li>• <b>Highway Access:</b> I-565 (adjacent), I-65 (15-minute drive)</li> </ul>
<b>Key Industries:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aerospace &amp; Defense</li> <li>• Computers &amp; Electronics</li> <li>• Engineering &amp; Government Services</li> <li>• Hardware &amp; Software Development</li> <li>• Information Technology</li> <li>• Life Sciences &amp; Biotechnology</li> <li>• Modeling &amp; Simulation</li> <li>• Research &amp; Developmenttech</li> </ul>

## History

- Cummings Research Park CRP was formally established when the City of Huntsville first zoned 3,000 acres of land area as a "research park district."
- This occurred in 1962, and the park was officially named Huntsville Research Park. The first private company to locate in the park was Brown Engineering (now known as Teledyne Brown Engineering) which, in concert with visionary support from rocket pioneer Dr. Wernher von Braun, had encouraged the City of Huntsville to establish a new zoning district specifically for high-tech enterprises to solve the nation's toughest and most critical technical challenges.
- Cummings Research Park was named the Most Outstanding Research/Science Park in the World by the Association of University Research Parks (AURP) in 1997.

## Economic Impact

- Cummings Research Park is the nation's second oldest and second largest research park behind Research Triangle Park, NC.
- The Huntsville Metro Area has the highest concentration of engineers in the country based largely on the technology companies located in Cummings Research Park.
- **With 29,000 workers, employment in Cummings Research Park is greater than the eighth largest city in the state of Alabama, accounting for 1.3% of Alabama's total employment.**
- **Over the past decade alone, new construction from companies within the park have accounted for more than \$1 billion of new investment in the state of Alabama.**
- **Total payroll from employment in the park is nearly \$2 billion per year, which generates \$280 million annually in state and local taxes from direct and indirect employment.**
- **Cummings Research Pak is a catalyst of high-tech job growth, which has helped Madison County lead all other counties in the state of Alabama for new jobs created 20 out of the past 26 years.**
- **In addition to roads and transportation improvements, the state of Alabama has invested more than \$200 million in Cummings Research Park, including creating the first state funded Supercomputer Network in the country which opened in 1987.**

## Notable Achievements by Companies in CRP

- Helping land mankind on the moon (Initial park tenants were supporting Apollo missions)

- Skylab – companies in the park helped support man's first space station
- Hubble Telescope – companies in the park helped support the Hubble project – which has led to some of the greatest scientific discoveries in history
- Globally recognized companies such as **Baron Services** that is making it safer for citizens all over the world through faster, more accurate notifications and updates of potentially devastating weather events
- Researchers and companies at the **HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology** are helping human health and changing how the medical community diagnosis illnesses to get the most effective treatments to patients faster than ever
- **ADTRAN**, a previous recipient of the state's Large Alabama Manufacturer of the Year award and a global leader in telecommunications products and services, has been awarded the most patents of any company in the state of Alabama