

# SLAC Users Organization (SLUO) and the annual HEP DC trip

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An aerial photograph of the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory campus. The image shows several large, modern buildings with flat roofs, interspersed with green trees and grassy areas. The lighting suggests late afternoon or early morning, with long shadows cast across the landscape. A semi-transparent white box with an orange border is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

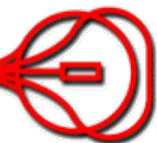
## What is the SLAC Users Organization (SLUO)?

SLUO represents scientists and engineers from universities and laboratories around the world involved in particle physics, astrophysics and accelerator physics research at SLAC.

**Also:** One of three main organizing bodies for the annual HEP advocacy trip to Washington, D.C.

# SLUO

## SLAC USERS ORGANIZATION



# in a nutshell:

### SLUO exists to:

- Represent SLAC users in matters of DOE and government policy, such as the P5 report and HEP budget.
- Facilitate the involvement of its members in projects at SLAC.
- Provide information to its members on matters affecting their relationship to the laboratory.
- Promote the utilization of existing SLAC facilities and the approval of new ones.
- Communicate between the users of SLAC HEP facilities and experiments and the Laboratory on matters of operating policy and facilities utilization.

### SLAC HEP Projects include:

- Vera Rubin Observatory
- ATLAS
- DUNE
- Fermi
- SuperCDMS
- EXO200
- LZ/XLZD
- HPS
- FACET-II
- BaBar

# (Interim) SLUO Executive Committee:



Caterina Vernieri,  
SLUO Chair



Kelly Stifter,  
Government Relations Chair



Brendan O'Shea,  
Deputy Government Relations Chair



Spencer Gessner



Zeeshan Ahmed

# SLUO and the annual HEP DC trip



**“Content creation”:** Development of digital and printed material to convey the importance of HEP science

**Trip logistics:** Organize, train, and pay for 70+ people to travel to DC for a week and advocate to congressional offices

# SLUO and the 2024 DC trip:

*Trip lead: Kelly Stifter (SuperCDMS & DMQIS, fourth trip)*

*Trip lead: Brendan O'Shea (AD, second trip)*

Zeesh Ahmed (CMB, first trip)

Toby Satterwaite (CMB, first trip)

Maris Arthurs (LZ, third trip)

Ann Wang (LZ, first trip)

Taylor Aralis (SuperCDMS & DMQIS, first trip)

James Ryan (SuperCDMS & DMQIS, first trip)

Aviv Simchony (SuperCDMS & DMQIS, first trip)

Pam Stark (Axions, first trip)

Noshin Tabassum (DMQIS, first trip)

Chelsea Bartram (Axions, first trip)

Brendon Bullard (ATLAS, first trip)

River Robles (AD, first trip)

Sam Carman (MAGIS, first trip)

**71 total participants** from all 3 organizations

15 SLUOers:

12 first-timers, 3 veterans

**Participation spanned wide  
range of SLAC science:  
Cosmic, Energy,  
Instrumentation, and  
Accelerator Frontiers!**

# SLUO and the 2025 DC trip

## Trip leaders:



River Robles



Toby Satterthwaite

- Funding for 15-18 people - recruitment ongoing!
- Looking to diversify scientific background and support early/mid/late career balance
- Active involvement in content creation process
- Facilitating expansion to additional National Labs and User Organizations

***Join us!***