University-Affiliated Research Center at the University of Nebraska:
What Others Are Saying

“The University of Nebraska has a tradition of engaging in cutting-edge defense-related research. The establishment of this center will further advance this research, bringing national recognition to the University and enhancing the capabilities of U.S. Strategic Command to fulfill its mission. This partnership will ultimately help to ensure a secure America.”

--U.S. Sen. Mike Johanns

“This new partnership between the University of Nebraska and United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) is an extraordinary development for our state and our nation. It will strengthen our national security, enhance the critical defense system in place at STRATCOM, and elevate world-class research at the University of Nebraska. Through this agreement, the University of Nebraska joins a select group of American universities in the pursuit of integrated national security research.”


“The National Strategic Research Institute (NSRI) is going to be an integral part of our nation’s long-term strategic defense capabilities. The University of Nebraska is uniquely qualified to deliver on this important task in a way that will make all Nebraskans proud.”


“The University of Nebraska is in a globally competitive market for talent. The recognition of research excellence that comes with a UARC designation will strengthen our ability to be successful in recruiting and retaining great faculty members.”

--James Linder, University of Nebraska senior associate to the president for innovation and economic competitiveness and president of the University Technology Development Corp.

“Our research program has been building capability with an eye toward this opportunity for more than seven years. Nothing could more clearly confirm that we have met the chancellor’s vision of developing a world-class research program that having been selected for the National Strategic Research Institute.”

--Steven Hinrichs, professor and chair, UNMC Department of Pathology and Microbiology
“Research at universities is often considered to be complete at the time of publication of an article in a scientific journal describing the research results. But fundamental research occasionally points toward solutions to pressing national security or defense problems. The UARC will give NU scientists like myself the opportunity to take the next step toward translating their academic research into real-world technologies.”

--Donald Umstadter, Olson Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy, UNL

“The UARC is particularly exciting because it allows our researchers to provide support for STRATCOM’s missions of developing strategies for the deterrence and dissuasion of our evolving adversaries. While the university has engaged in numerous defense-related projects over the years, the UARC opens more doors for collaborative opportunity – helping Nebraska to become that much more competitive for DoD funding against other universities and private firms in the D.C. beltway.”

--Mario Scalora, professor of psychology, UNL

“In the face of a dwindling NIH budget, the UARC will provide great opportunities for UNMC investigators to fund their research. Furthermore, it will serve as a gateway to UNMC’s expertise in biodefense-related research.”

--Kenneth Bayles, UNMC associate vice chancellor for basic science research and director of the Center for Staphylococcal Research in the Department of Pathology & Microbiology

“The UARC will provide tremendous opportunities for UNO faculty and students to collaborate with the Department of Defense and USSTRATCOM to help solve cyber security problems of national importance. UNO’s College of Information Science and Technology has nationally recognized scientists who are experts in cyber security forensics, supervisory control and data acquisition, secure cloud computing, software vulnerability analysis and human factors engineering. Our information assurance students also have years of experience in international cyber security competitions and are well-positioned to contribute to the work of the UARC.”

--Ann Fruhling, director of the School of Interdisciplinary Informatics and Mutual of Omaha Distinguished Professor, College of Information Science and Technology, UNO