



The Amazing Story of Canada in Space – Global Success on a Shoestring Budget

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Canada became the world's third space-faring nation in 1962 with the launch of Alouette-1. Since then Canadians have continued their pioneering work in such diverse areas as communications and radar imaging satellites, space science instruments, and the advanced design and manufacturing skills that have made possible the iconic Canadarm and our contribution to the massive James Webb Space Telescope. We also have trained and flown the world's third-largest astronaut corps.

Meanwhile the Canadian Space Agency's annual core funding of \$350 million (unchanged in a decade) is miniscule compared with NASA's annual budget of \$19 billion.

My presentation will explore how Canada's many remarkable achievements in space have been accomplished on the strength of such a modest shoestring budget.

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