Rice University

Rice University has been a UCAR member since 1972. Currently, 28 faculty are active in atmospheric (13) and related (15) fields, with a particular strength (7) in solar physics and solar wind-atmosphere interactions and the magnetosphere. The faculty are distributed among the Departments of Physics and Astronomy, Earth Science, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, and a number of them actively publish in top journals such as Nature, Science, and American Geophysical Union journals.

Although there is no formal education or degree program in atmospheric sciences, research and teaching experience in atmospheric and related fields is available to undergraduate and masters' students in the departments named above as well as through the new Center for Study of the Environment and Society (CSES) and The Energy and Environmental Systems Institute (EESI). Between 2000 and 2008, 21 PhD degrees in atmospheric (15) and related (6) fields were awarded by the Department of Physics and Astrophysics and 21 PhD degrees in atmospheric (6) and related (15) fields were awarded in the Department of Earth Science.

Rice faculty have been actively involved in UCAR activities, including as members and chair of the Board of Trustees, as members of the Membership Committee, the President's Advisory Committee on University Relations, the Nominations committee, and as visiting scientists on sabbaticals at UCAR/NCAR and an NCAR early career scientist, as well as two undergraduate students who participated in the NCAR Undergraduate Leadership Workshop.

The UCAR Membership Committee concludes that the membership criteria are fulfilled, and recommends to the Members' Representatives that the membership of Rice University be continued as provided by the bylaws.