

A small satellite with a black and white body and four yellow antennas is shown in orbit above Earth. The Earth's surface is visible with city lights and clouds. The background is the dark void of space.

# Introducing Space Technology and Aerospace Engineering in Guatemala

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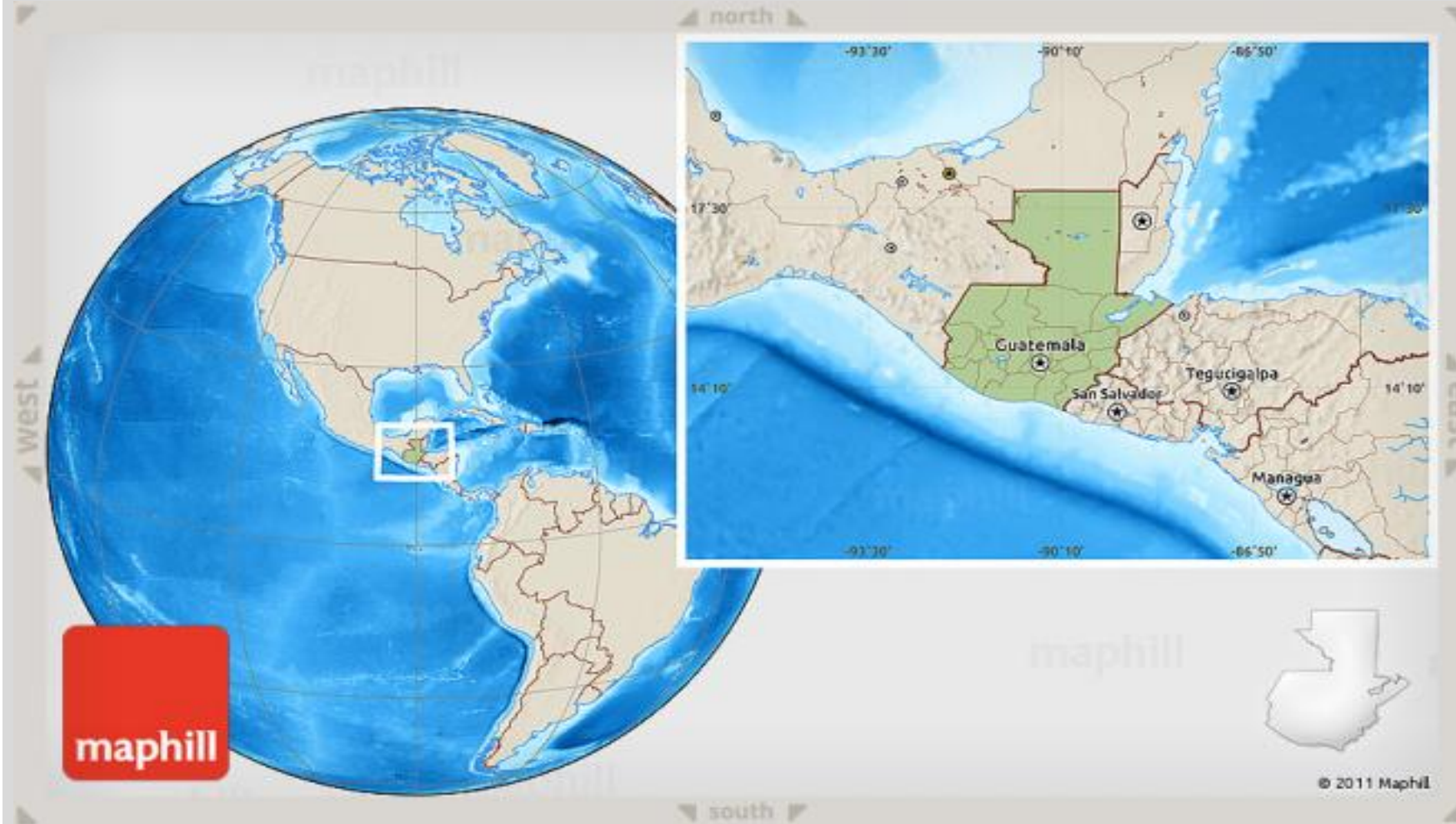
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# GUATEMALA

## *Quick Facts*

- 16.5 million inhabitants
- 50% under 25 years old
- 51% women
- 59% live in poverty
- Less than 5% get a college education
- Main exports:
  - Sugar, banana, coffee



***The first steps:  
CanSat  
Competition  
2012-2014***

# ***Annual CanSat Competition in Texas***



***2013: position 14 of 25 teams***  
***2014: position 12 of 40 teams***

***Next Step,  
the CubeSat  
Project***



**Team Phase 1 – CubeSat Project**

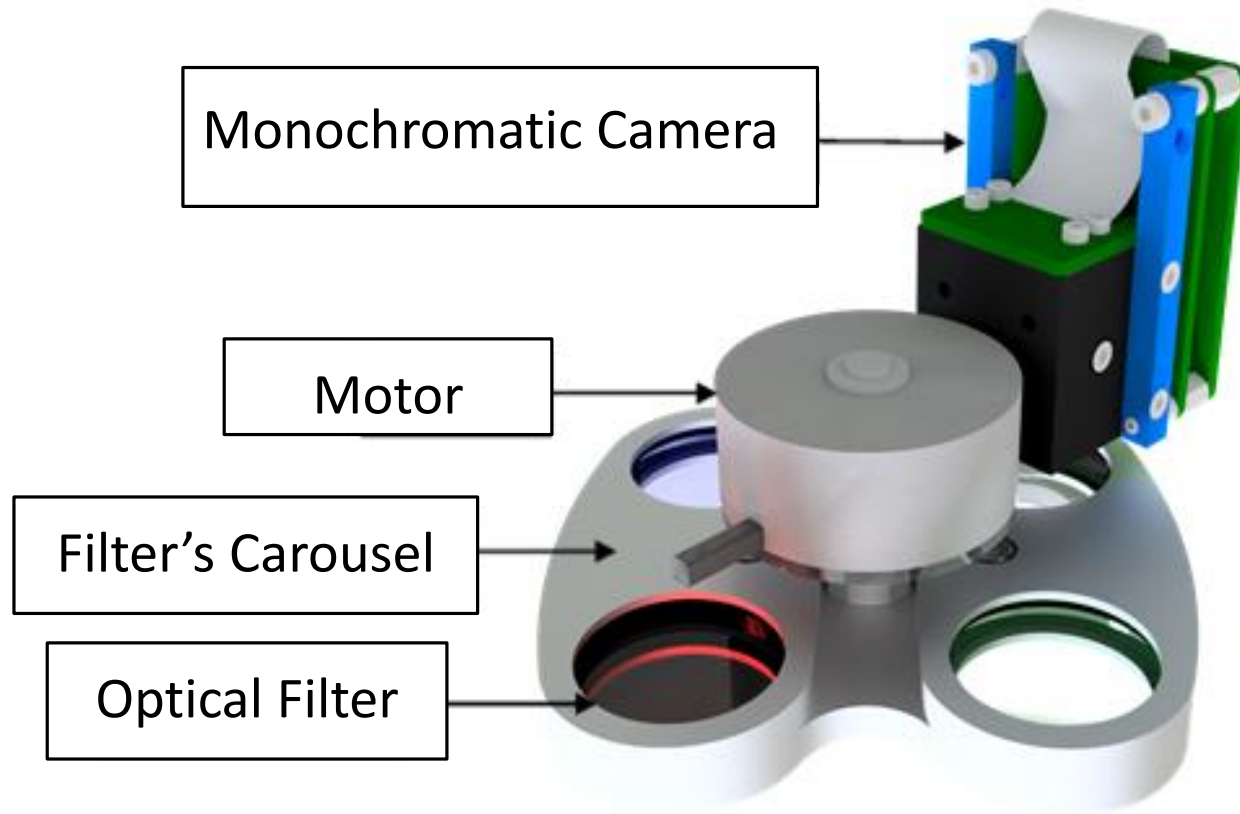
***January 2014:***

- 4 Mechatronics Engineering students
- Budget: \$0
- No credibility

***December 2014:***

*First international participation: 1st IAA Latin American CubeSat Workshop, Brazil*

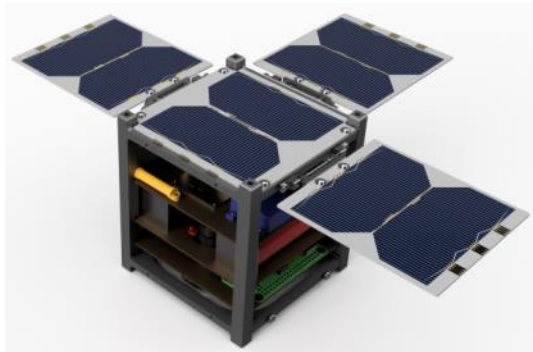
# ***CubeSat Mission***



**Image : Landsat 2015**



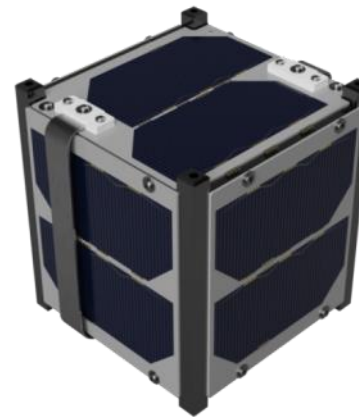
**2014**



**2015**

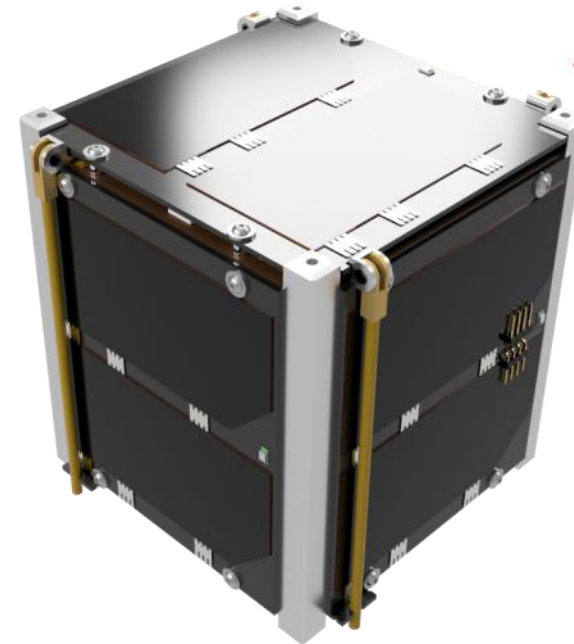


**2016**



**2017**

**Second round winner  
of the KiboCube  
programme**



**Final Design 2018**

*Why is the  
KiboCube  
programme so  
important?*



Dr. Luis Zea of UVG, receiving a symbolic CubeSat from Dr. Simonetta Di Pippo (UNOOSA) and Dr. Koichi Wataka (JAXA) during the announcement of the Second Round Winner of the KiboCube programme in IAC 2017. (Photo Credit: UNOOSA)

## ***Benefits from KiboCube***

- 1. Launch from ISS*
- 2. Learn the process to send something to the ISS*
- 3. Networking outside Guatemala*
- 4. Credibility inside Guatemala*

*About networking  
and credibility....*

# Organizations supporting Quetzal-1



UNITED NATIONS  
OOSA



Japan Aerospace  
Exploration Agency

UVG | UNIVERSIDAD  
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The Abdus Salam  
International Centre  
for Theoretical Physics



Julius-Maximilians-

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GUATEMALA  
SUPERINTENDENCIA DE TELECOMUNICACIONES



Guatemala



Club de Radioaficionados  
Guatemala, C.A.



DELTA



Travel Network  
GUATEMALA



FUNDACIÓN  
JUAN  
BAUTISTA  
GUTIÉRREZ



GrupoSSC



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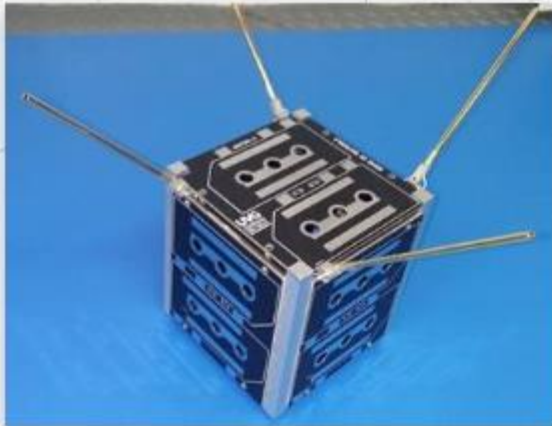
*Outreach  
campaign in  
Guatemala*

# Conferences and workshops in schools



# «Guate goes to the space» publications in Prensa Libre

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**CubeSat Guatemala: Cómo  
obtiene energía Quetzal-1**

Para la operación en órbita de Quetzal-1 —que se lanzará al espacio en el 2019—, que se construye en la...



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**CubeSat Guatemala:  
Resumen del trabajo  
realizado en seis...**

Con esta edición llegamos a seis meses publicando quincenalmente en este espacio, información acerca del proyecto del...



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**CubeSat Guatemala:  
Conozca dónde se  
construye Quetzal 1**

Durante el proceso de construcción del primer satélite del país, que se desarrolla en la Universidad del Valle de...



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**CubeSat Guatemala:  
Conozca a los catedráticos  
dedicados...**

Los docentes que participan en el proyecto del primer satélite guatemalteco destacan por su compromiso y dedicación.



# Competitions

Name the Guatemala's first satellite



Design the Mission's Logo



*What's next...*

# Goals



- 1. Launch Quetzal-1 in 2019***
- 2. Regional CubeSat together with TEC Costa Rica (international workshop for mission definition in 2019)***
- 3. Aerospace Research Center in UVG in 2020***
- 4. Send first experiment to ISS in 2022***
- 5. First Aerospace Engineering programme in Guatemala in 2023***



¡Thank you very much!

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