

# Our Core Values

From the challenges we pursue to the way we overcome them, we are guided in our actions by the core values that have made APL strong.



**Our Core Purpose**  
*Critical contributions to critical challenges*

**Our Goal**  
*Create defining innovations that ensure our nation's preeminence in the 21st century*

## Our Vision

When we celebrate our centennial, APL will be a treasured national resource, widely recognized for our technical leadership and bold, previously unimaginable solutions to the nation's most complex national security and space exploration challenges. Always anticipating the future, we will also be providing decisive advantage to the nation in complementary new areas. Never losing sight of why APL was created, we will be nurturing a culture of experimentation, embracing risk, and exemplifying what it means to be a trusted research and development laboratory. Furthermore, APL will be a magnet for the nation's top talent and a sought-after partner at the center of a vibrant innovation ecosystem. Finally, as an integral member of one of the world's finest universities, we will be sharing knowledge and technologies that benefit our society and improve the lives of people throughout the world.