Prof. Linares’ group works on research related to space systems, astrodynamics, space situational awareness, and satellite guidance navigation and control. My group includes SM, Ph.D. students, and postdoctoral researchers. My group size ranges from 6-10 students and 1-2 postdoctoral researchers. My group also includes UROP students, who are supervised by one of the graduate students.

We have group meetings at least every other week, and I expect students to participate in these meetings. I have individual meetings with students as frequently as is needed. I try to meet with my SM and early Ph.D. students weekly for individual meetings. During group and individual student meetings, I discuss the student’s academic and career goals and provide mentoring discussions.

In addition, we are part of the Space Systems Lab (SSL). Students are also expected to participate in the SSL seminars, which usually occur once a week. My group attends conferences, where they present “work in progress” to garner feedback. Completed results and finding are submitted to journals. Conference presentations are usually given by students. We try to have students attend at least one conference a year. All conference presentations must be practiced and prepared far in advance of the conference. Both SM and Ph.D. theses are expected to produce a paper of publishable quality.