

Teachers' Guide: Student Job Descriptions

Team Name	Description	Student Placement	Career
		Tips	Connections
Biology (BIO)	Responsible for collecting data about organisms and environmental factors that impact space exploration, testing soil to determine if microbes are present, and swabbing surfaces for signs of bacteria.	Students on this team should feel comfortable working on collaborative experiments making quick decisions based on results. <i>SKILLS: following</i> <i>procedures, observation,</i> <i>graphing, drawing</i> <i>conclusions</i>	 Biologist Environmental researcher Botanist
Robotics (BOT)	Responsible for programming the ROV, testing the capabilities of a robotic arm, and identifying potential dig sites on the Martian surface.	Students on this team should feel comfortable with troubleshooting, problem solving, and working under pressure with their peers to share and analyze data. <i>SKILLS: spatial awareness,</i> <i>computational thinking,</i> <i>good communication skills</i>	 Mechanical Engineer Software Engineer

Geology (GEO)	Responsible for conducting tests on	Students on this team should feel	 Geologist
	Martian rocks and minerals, recording and analyzing observations, and mapping possible dig sites on the Martian surface.	comfortable collecting and analyzing data with their peers and enjoy experimenting to reveal data. <i>SKILLS: strong observation</i> <i>abilities, hand-eye</i> <i>coordination, patience,</i> <i>follows procedures</i>	 Environmental Engineer
Life Support (LS)	Responsible for maintaining the life support systems on the spacecraft by monitoring air and water quality and responding quickly to issues to ensure safe conditions for all members aboard the spacecraft.	Students on this team should feel comfortable communicating verbally with their peers to solve problems and enjoy troubleshooting ideas to come to a solution. <i>SKILLS: reading gauges,</i> <i>following procedures,</i> <i>calm under pressure,</i> <i>strong observation skills</i>	 Industrial or Systems Engineer Chemist
Medical (MED)	Responsible for conducting medical tests on and developing treatment plans on the crew to ensure their health and safety.	Students on this team should feel comfortable interacting with and conducting experiments with their peers. SKILLS: interacts well with others, patience for repetitive tasks	 Nurse or Doctor Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Nutritionist

Navigation (NAV)	Responsible for calculating fuel levels and plotting the course for the spacecraft, performing critical pre- flight checks, and navigating the spacecraft between Phobos and Mars.	Students on this team should feel comfortable reading aloud, have strong communication skills, and be able to pay close attention to written and oral details.	 Pilot Aerospace Engineer Mathematician
		SKILLS: can complete multi-step math problems, good communication skills, collaborative	
Communications (COM)	Responsible for communicating messages between the Spacecraft and Mission Control, communicating critical messages to crew members, and locating and reprogramming communication satellites.	Students on this team should feel comfortable reading aloud, following quick directives and answering questions orally. SKILLS: reads well, assertive, calm under pressure, organized, able to multi-task, leadership	 Communication Engineer Information technologist
Rover (ROV)	Responsible for collaborating with teammates to build, test, and troubleshoot the remotely operated vehicle (ROV); and installing critical components and retrieving data.	Students on this team should feel comfortable with troubleshooting and problem solving with lab materials and enjoy collaborating with peers. SKILLS: collaborative, can perform basic math, closely follows directions, calm under pressure	 Computer Scientist Mechanical Engineer Electrical Engineer

Weather (WX)	Responsible for	Students on this team	 Meteorologist
	researching and	should feel	
WX X	learning about celestial	comfortable collecting	Astronomer
	objects, monitoring the	and organizing data	
	Martian sky, tracking	and making quick	
	objects, and calculating	decisions based on	
	trajectories; and	results.	
	tracking and observing	SKILLS: map reading and plotting, basic math,	
	dust storms on the		
	Martian surface.	closely follows	
		instructions, analyzing	
		data	