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# NASA's SpaceX Crew-9



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### The International Space Station

The International Space Station is a state-of-the-art laboratory orbiting the Earth every 90 minutes. The space station carries an impressive array of research facilities that enable a variety of scientific studies and access to the unique features of low Earth orbit, including long-duration microgravity, exposure to space, and a one-of-a-kind perspective of our planet. These attributes allow researchers to conduct groundbreaking experiments, from examining fire behavior in microgravity, to improving medicine, to understanding the effects of spaceflight on the human body - research that prepares us for future exploration of our solar system and helps humanity back on Earth. For over 20 years, the space station has enabled more than 3,700 experiments by researchers around the world, and now more than ever, discoveries and developments are taking shape. Learn more about space station research and stay updated with the latest science and technology by visiting [www.nasa.gov/iss-science](http://www.nasa.gov/iss-science).

### NASA's SpaceX Crew-9 Science Highlights



### Space Flight Awareness



### About NASA's Space Flight Awareness Program

NASA established the Space Flight Awareness (SFA) Program in 1963 during the Mercury and Gemini period to infuse the space program with a renewed and strengthened consciousness of quality and flight safety. As NASA's human spaceflight programs continued and developed, the SFA program has ensured that all employees involved in human spaceflight are aware of the impact their actions can have on astronaut safety and mission success. Thousands of individuals have been recognized for their contributions to the success of NASA's programs. As NASA embarks on a new era of space exploration, the SFA team is working diligently to ensure our workforce is aware of the impact their contributions make to our space program. The SFA program is managed by NASA's Space Operations Mission Directorate. Learn more at [sfa.nasa.gov](http://sfa.nasa.gov).



### Crew-9 Mission Patch

The Crew-9 mission patch depicts the trail of a rocket launch en route to the International Space Station, which will be home for a long-duration expedition dedicated to service, science, and collaboration. Coastal waves are inspired by the historic Florida launch site, and on a larger scale represent our blue planet, the global ocean connecting all continents. A falcon, with the number nine as its beak and a crescent Moon as its eye, is a nod to the Falcon 9 rocket, while the constellation Draco honors the Dragon spacecraft that will take Crew-9 to their destination. The delta symbol, first used in 1961, evokes historic ties to the earliest days of space endeavors. Human exploration of space is built on international collaboration and depends on the support of multitudes across the globe whose efforts honor that heritage.