



EXPEDITION



Ovchinnikov

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Williams

Wilmore

Gorbunov

NASA's Expedition 72 Crew



Back row, left to right:

Alexey Ovchinin
Roscosmos
Flight Engineer

Sunita Williams
NASA
Commander

Barry Wilmore
NASA
Flight Engineer

Middle row, left to right:

Ivan Vagner
Roscosmos
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NASA
Flight Engineer

Front row, left to right:

Aleksandr Gorbunov
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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.

Space Station Research and Technology



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.



Expedition 72 Mission Patch

Influenced by the simplicity of the Expedition 1 patch, the Expedition 72 patch features the same forward-facing silhouette view of the International Space Station. Updated to represent its current on-orbit configuration, new features show the completed solar panels with Improved Roll-Out Solar Arrays, the Columbus and Kibo modules, the Japanese Exposed Facility, Canadarm2, deployed thermal radiators, the Russian Segment MLM Research Module, and the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer.