

TECHNOLOGY IN SPACE PRIZE OVERVIEW

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The International Space Station (ISS) U.S. National Laboratory is managed by CASIS, a not-for-profit non-governmental organization, via a Cooperative Agreement with NASA.





MANAGING THE ISS NATIONAL LAB

Work in partnership with NASA, Commercial Service Providers, and Implementation Partners

Draw on ISS National Lab science to improve the lives of people on Earth and provide value to the nation

Create new partnerships across disciplines and industries

TECHNOLOGY IN SPACE PRIZE

PAST AWARDS

2019

Axonis Therapeutics
Encapsulate LLC

2018

Kernal Biologics, Inc.
MicroQuin

2017

Cellino Biotech, Inc.
Guardian Technologies
MakerHealth

2016

Angiex, Inc.
Dover Lifesciences
LambdaVision, Inc.



MC
MASSCHALLENGE

The logo for the MassChallenge Technology in Space Prize. It features the letters 'MC' in a large, bold font, with the 'M' in grey and the 'C' in teal. Below this, the word 'MASSCHALLENGE' is written in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font.

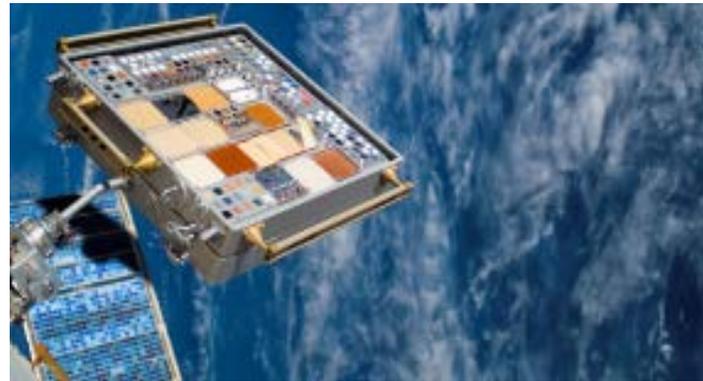
WHY SPACE?

Persistent Microgravity



- Lack of density gradients
- No convection
- Uniform surface wetting
- Multiphase flow dynamics
- Reduced interfacial tension
- Accelerated disease models

Extreme Conditions



- 500°F orbital heat cycling
- Ultrahigh vacuum
- High-energy radiation
- Atomic oxygen
- High-energy impact

Unique Vantage Point



- 250 miles above Earth
- Orbital path: 90% of population
- Spatial resolution
- Sun cycling/light conditions
- Remote sensing
- Satellite deployment



MICROGRAVITY |

AXONIS (2019)

Will test therapeutic to treat spinal cord injuries on 3D brain organoids in microgravity

Team recently closed a \$4M round of funding

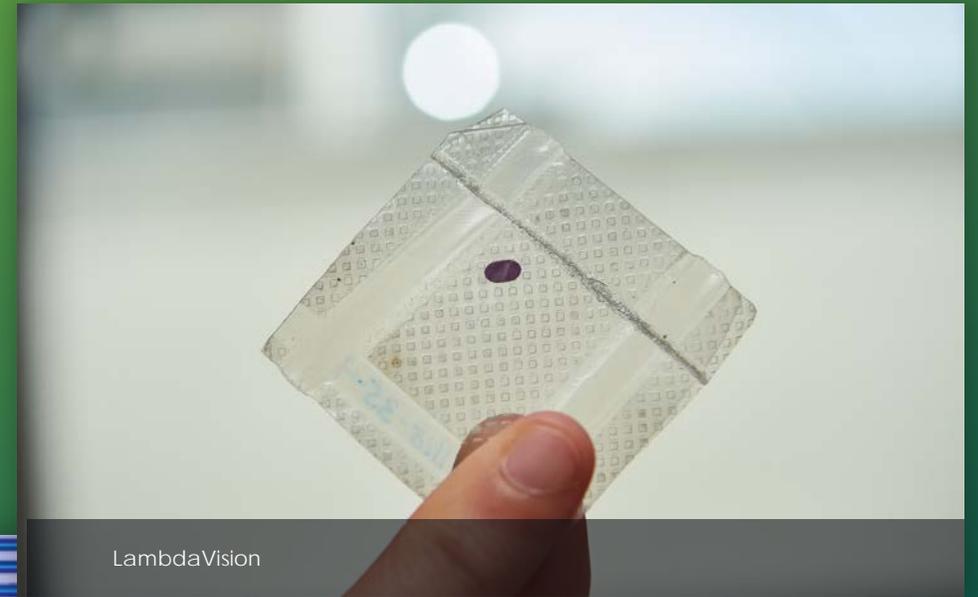


LAMBDAVISION (2016)

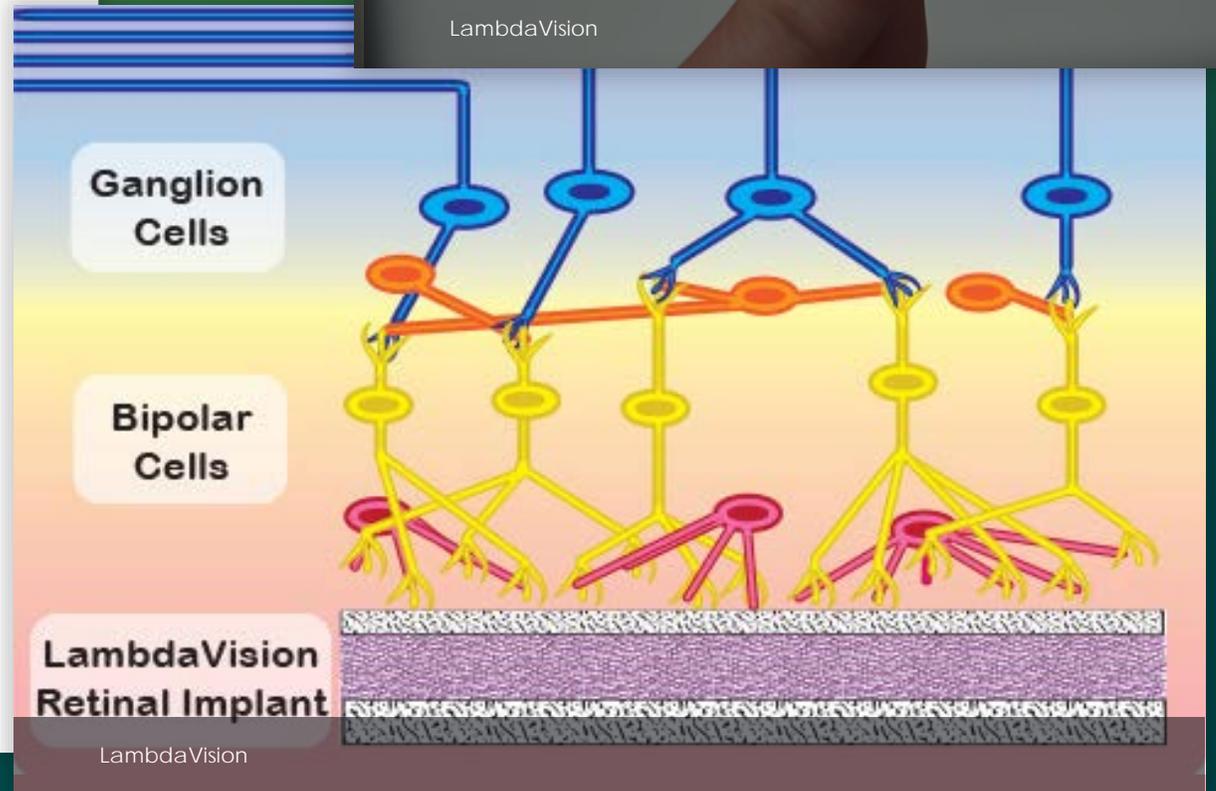
Protein-based implant with a bacteriorhodopsin photoreceptor

Lower convection-induced mixing in microgravity during deposition

Awarded \$5M by NASA to further explore manufacturing the implant in space



LambdaVision



LambdaVision



EXTREME CONDITIONS

The extreme environment of space includes exposure to extreme heat and cold cycling, ultrahigh vacuum, atomic oxygen, high-energy radiation, and debris impact.

RAS LABS (2013)

Assessed cumulative radiation exposure effects on Synthetic Muscle™

Received venture capital and grant funds after winning a Technology in Space Prize





UNIQUE VANTAGE POINT

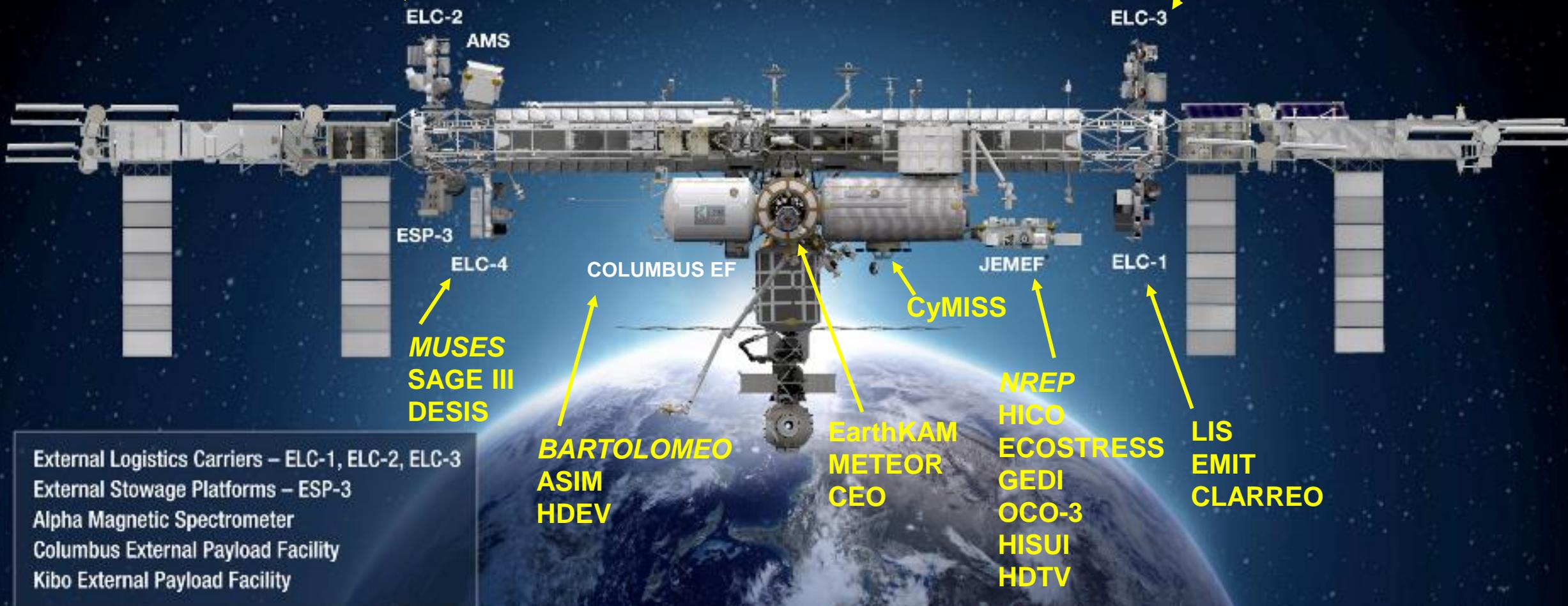
The ISS is approximately 250 miles above Earth and provides a wide range of Earth-viewing resolutions and geometries.

International Space Station

Science Instruments

MISSE

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External Logistics Carriers – ELC-1, ELC-2, ELC-3
External Stowage Platforms – ESP-3
Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer
Columbus External Payload Facility
Kibo External Payload Facility

BARTOLOMEO
ASIM
HDEV

EarthKAM
METEOR
CEO

NREP
HICO
ECOSTRESS
GEDI
OCO-3
HISUI
HDTV

LIS
EMIT
CLARREO

FLIGHT HARDWARE AND R&D FACILITIES

The ISS features multipurpose facilities for life and physical sciences research as well as hardware dedicated to perform standard laboratory procedures.

For additional information, please see:

[ISS Researcher Guide Series](#)

[Space Station Research Explorer](#)



PROJECT COLLABORATION & SUPPORT

Implementation Partners work with the ISS National Lab and researchers to:

- Translate projects for ISS hardware and facilities run by Commercial Service Providers
- Design hardware components
- Aid in the execution of projects on station

38 Implementation Partners

17 Commercial facilities run by 10 Commercial Service Providers

For additional information, please see the [Implementation Partner Database](#)



TECHNOLOGY IN SPACE PRIZE INFORMATION

- **Funding:** Contingent upon availability, total funding for the 2021 Technology in Space Prize is \$500K.
- **Awards may be funded or unfunded:** Awards, if any, will receive sponsorship of ISS National Lab resource utilization, payload launch to the ISS, in-orbit ISS crew time, data return, and payload return, if required.
- **Period of Performance:** It is anticipated that the period of performance will be no longer than three (3) years from date of award.

PROJECTS MUST CLEARLY LEVERAGE SPACE

We are looking for:

Proof-of-concept or technology maturation projects

Projects that accelerate business or manufacturing timelines

Physical and life sciences projects

But not:

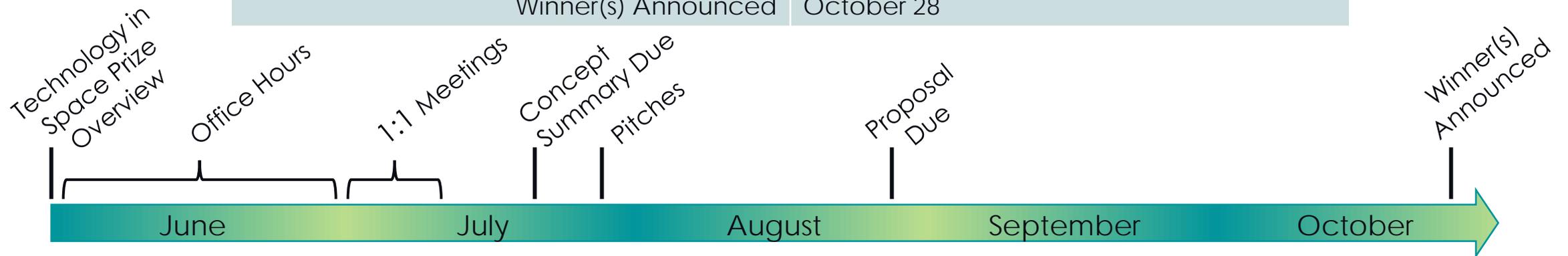
Device or therapeutics testing on astronauts

Demonstrations solely used for branding or public relations

TECHNOLOGY IN SPACE PRIZE TIMELINE*

| Event | Date |
|---|-----------------------|
| Provide Technology in Space Prize resources to startups | February-June |
| Technology in Space Prize Overview Presentation | June |
| Office Hours | June |
| 1:1 Meetings | Early July (July 6-9) |
| Concept Summary Due | End of July |
| Selected Startups Pitch | End of July |
| Draft Proposal Due | Mid-August |
| Full Proposal Due | End of August |
| Winner(s) Announced | October 28 |

**Subject to modification*



THANK YOU

Discover the unique advantages of conducting research in microgravity onboard the ISS National Lab.

- | www.ISSNationalLab.org
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Uluru, or Ayers Rock, a massive sandstone monolith in the heart of Australia's Northern Territory's arid "Red Centre" as seen from the ISS.



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