

Mars Strategy: Beyond Mars Sample Return

The National Academy of Science, Engineering, and Medicine's decadal Midterm Review recommended a “. . .comprehensive Mars Exploration Program architecture, strategic plan, . . . that address the science goals for Mars exploration outlined in *Vision and Voyages*.” In response, we are forming a panel of approximately 12 scientists to develop a Mars exploration strategy that addresses the question, “what could and should be done in addition to sample return?”

The outcome will be a Mars exploration mission portfolio that:

- Represents a coherent program that addresses specific scientific hypotheses and
- Lays the groundwork for human exploration.

MEPAG will play an important role in providing the goals, participating, and vetting of draft documents.

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