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Prioritization is defined within each individual goal and is explained within the respective Goal chapter in the main document. This list of cross-cutting linkages is explained in the main document and is meant to be thorough but is not expected to be complete.

Goal	Inv #	Inv Priority	CC G1	CC G2	CC G3	CC G4	Starting text for the Investigation
I	A1.1	High			A2.3	D1.1, D2, D4	Search for chemical signatures of life in surface or subsurface
I	A1.2	High			A2.3	D1.1, D2, D4	Search for physical structures or assemblages that might be
I	A1.3	Medium				D1.1, D2, D4	Test for evidence of physiological activity in surface or subsurface
I	A2.1	High		A1.2, A2.2, B2, C2	A1, A2	C2, D1.1	Constrain the availability of liquid water with respect to duration
I	A2.2	Medium					Identify and constrain the magnitude of possible energy sources
I	A2.3	Medium			A3		Characterize the physical and chemical environment, particularly
I	A2.4	Medium			A3		Constrain the abundance and characterize potential sources
I	A2.5	Medium			A, B		Provide overall geologic context.
I	A3.1	High		A2.2	A2		Evaluate conditions and processes that would have aided preservation
I	A3.2	High		A2.2	A2		Evaluate the conditions and processes that would have aided
I	A3.3	Medium		A2.2	A2		Evaluate the conditions and processes that would have aided
I	B1.1	High				D4	Characterize the inventory and abundance of organics on the
I	B1.2	High		A1.2, A2, A3, B1.1, B3, C1.2, C2.2	A3.4		Characterize the atmospheric reservoirs of carbon and their
I	B1.3	Medium		A3, C1.2, C1.3	A3.4		Constrain the abiotic cycling (between atmosphere and crust)
I	B1.4	High		C1.3	A3.4, A4.2, B1.1		Characterize bulk carbon in the martian mantle and crust through
I	B2.1	High		A3			Investigate atmospheric processes (e.g. photolysis, impact
I	B2.2	High					Investigate the role of ionizing radiation in organic synthesis
I	B2.3	Medium					Investigate surface and subsurface processes, such as mineral
I	B2.4	Medium					Investigate the role of subsurface processes (e.g. hydrothermal
II	A1.1	Higher			A1.5, A2.4	B3	Characterize the dynamical and thermal state of the lower
II	A1.2	Higher	A2.1, B1.2		A2.5	A1.2, B2	Measure water and carbon dioxide (clouds and vapor) and
II	A2.1	Higher			A2.2	A1, A3.2, B2, B3, B4.3	Characterize the fluxes and sources of dust and volatiles be
II	A2.2	Higher	A2, B1.2		A1, A3.4	C2.1, D5.1	Determine how the processes exchanging volatiles and dust
II	A3.1	Higher	B1, B2.1			A1	Measure the global average vertical profiles of key gaseous
II	A3.2	Medium	A2, B1, B2				Measure spatial and temporal variations of species that pla
II	A3.3	Medium					Determine the significance of heterogeneous reactions and
II	A4.1	Higher	A2.1			A1	Characterize the mechanisms for vertical transport of energy

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II	A4.2	Lower	A2			A1	Characterize the spatial distribution, variability, and dynam
II	A4.3	Lower	A2			A1	Characterize the thermal state and its variability of the upp
II	B1.1	Higher	B1.2		A1, A3, B1.1		Determine how orbital parameters, atmospheric processes
II	B1.2	Higher			A1, A3		Determine the vertical and horizontal variations of compos
II	B1.3	Medium			A1, A3, A4.1		Determine the absolute ages of the layers of the Polar Laye
II	B2.1	Medium	A2.1		A1, A2.3, A3, B1.1	C2.1	Characterize the locations, composition, and structure of lo
II	B2.2	Medium	A2.1		A1, A2.3, A3, A4.1		Determine the conditions under which low- and mid-latituc
II	B3.1	Medium	B1.2		A1, A3, B1.1		Determine how and when the buried CO2 ice reservoirs at
II	B3.2	Medium	B1.2		A1, A3		Measure the composition of gases trapped in the Polar Lay
II	C1.1	Higher			A3		Measure the composition and absolute ages of trapped ga
II	C1.2	Medium	B1.2		A1, A4.5		Characterize mineral and volatile deposits to determine cru
II	C1.3	Medium	B1.3, B1.4		A1.2, A4, B1.1		Determine sources of gases to the atmosphere over time b
II	C1.4	Medium	A2		A3		Determine the rates of atmospheric escape over geologic ti
II	C2.1	Higher			A1.2, A2, A4.1		Constrain the ancient water cycle by determining the spatia
II	C2.2	Higher	A2, B1		A1, A2.3, A3, B1.1		Characterize the ancient climate via modeling and constrain
III	A1.1	Higher	A2.1	B2		C2.1	Determine the modern extent and volume of liquid water a
III	A1.2	Higher	A2.1	B2.2, C2.1			Identify the geologic evidence for the location, volume, and
III	A1.3	Higher		B1, B3.2, C1.3			Determine the subsurface structure and age of the Polar La
III	A1.4	Medium	A2.1	B1		C2.1	Determine how the vertical and lateral distribution of surfa
III	A1.5	Medium		A1.1, A2			Determine the role of volatiles in modern dynamic surface
III	A2.1	Higher	A2.1	C2.1			Constrain the location, volume, timing, and duration of pas
III	A2.2	Higher	A1.2, A2.1, A3, B2.4				Constrain the location, composition and timing of diagenes
III	A2.3	Higher	A	B2, C2			Identify the intervals of the sedimentary record conductive
III	A2.4	Lower		A1.1, A2.1		B3	Determine the sources and fluxes of modern aeolian sedim
III	A2.5	Lower		A1.2, A2.1		B3, D5.1	Determine the origin and timing of dust genesis, lofting me
III	A3.1	Higher	A2.5	B, C2			Link geologic evidence for local environmental transitions t
III	A3.2	Higher		B1			Determine the relative and absolute age, durations, and int
III	A3.3	Medium		B1			Document the nature and diversity of ancient environment
III	A3.4	Medium	B1				Determine the history and fate of sulfur and carbon throug

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III	A4.1	Higher		B1.3, B2.2, C2.1			Determine the absolute and relative ages of geologic units.
III	A4.2	Medium	B1.4	C1.1, C2.2			Link the petrogenesis of martian meteorites and returned samples.
III	A4.3	Lower		A1.1		A3.3, B3.2	Characterize modern surface processes and their rates of change.
III	A4.4	Lower		C1.3			Constrain the effect of impact processes on the martian crust.
III	A4.5	Lower		C1.2, C1.3			Determine the surface manifestation of volcanic processes.
III	A4.6	Lower		C1.3			Constrain the petrology/petrogenesis of igneous rocks over time.
III	A4.7	Lower	A2.5			A3.1, B4.1, C2.2, D1.1	Develop a planet-wide model of Mars evolution through glacial cycles.
III	B1.1	Higher	B1.4	B1.1, C2.2			Determine the types, nature, abundance, and interaction of minerals.
III	B1.2	Medium					Seek evidence of plate tectonics-style activity and metamorphism.
III	B2.1	Higher					Characterize the structure and dynamics of the interior.
III	B2.2	Medium					Measure the thermal state and heat flow of the martian interior.
III	B2.3	Medium					Determine the origin and history of the magnetic field.
III	C1.1	Medium				E1, E2	Determine the thermal, physical, and compositional properties.
III	C1.2	Medium				E1	Interpret the geologic history of the moons, by identification of features.
III	C1.3	Lower				E1 E2.2	Characterize the interior structure of the moons to determine their evolution.
III	C2.1	Lower				A2.1	Understand the flux of impactors in the martian system, as well as their effects.
III	C2.2	Lower				A2.1	Measure the character and rate of material exchange between the surface and atmosphere.
IV	A1.1	High		A1.1, A4			At all local times, make long-term (>5 Mars years) observations of the atmosphere.
IV	A1.2	High		A1.1, A1.2, A2.1, A3.1, A4			At all local times, make long-term (>5 Mars years) global measurements of the atmosphere.
IV	A1.3	High		A1.1, A2.1, A4			Make long-term (>5 Mars years) observations of global wind patterns.
IV	A2.1	Low			C2.1, C2.2		Develop and fly an experiment capable of measuring or correcting for atmospheric drag.
IV	A3.1	High			A4.7		Characterize selected potential landing sites to sufficient resolution to support mission planning.
IV	A3.2	High		A2			Determine physical and mechanical properties and structural characteristics of the surface.
IV	A3.3	High			A4.3		Profile the near-surface winds (<15 km altitude) with a precision of 1 m/s.
IV	B1.1	Medium					Conduct measurements of neutrons with directionality (energy and angle).
IV	B1.2	Medium					Measure the charged particle spectra, neutral particle spectra, and secondary electron spectra.
IV	B1.3	Medium					Assay for chemicals with known toxic effect on humans in situ.
IV	B1.4	Medium					Analyze the shapes of martian dust grains with a grain size resolution of 100 nm.
IV	B2.1	Low		A1			Analyze regolith and surface aeolian fines (dust), with a precision of 100 nm.
IV	B3.1	High		A1	A2.4		Globally monitor the dust and aerosol activity continuously.
IV	B3.2	High		A1	A2.5, A4.3		Monitor surface pressure and near surface (below 10 km altitude) temperature.

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IV	B3.3	High		A1			Collect temperature and aerosol profile observations even
IV	B4.1	Medium			A4.7		Characterize selected potential landing sites to sufficient re
IV	B4.2	Medium					Determine physical and mechanical properties and structur
IV	B4.3	Medium		A1.2			Combine the characterization of atmospheric electricity wit
IV	C1.1	High					Test ISRU atmospheric processing system to measure resilie
IV	C2.1	Medium	A2.1	A2.2, B2.1	A1.1, A1.4		Identify a set of candidate water resource deposits that hav
IV	C2.2	Medium			A4.7		Prepare high spatial resolution maps of one equatorial site
IV	C2.3	Medium					Measure the energy required to excavate/drill and extract
IV	D1.1	High	A1		A4.7		Identify the locations and characteristics of naturally occur
IV	D2.1	High					Determine if extant life is widely present in the martian nea
IV	D3.1	Low					Determine the viability of terrestrial organisms when expos
IV	D4.1	High	A1.1, B1.1				Determine characteristics of the Mars atmosphere, surface
IV	D5.1	Medium		A2	A2.5		Determine the extent to which bio-material released by hu
IV	D5.2	Medium					Determine the survivability of terrestrial organisms release
IV	E1.1	Medium			C		Determine the elemental and mineralogical composition as
IV	E1.2	Medium			C1		Identify geologic units, their value for science and explorati
IV	E1.3	Medium			C1.3		Determine the gravitational field to a sufficiently high degr
IV	E2.1	Medium			C1		Measure and characterize the physical properties and struc
IV	E2.2	Medium			C1.3		Determine the gravitational field to a sufficiently high degr
IV	E2.3	Medium					Measure the electrostatic charge and plasma fields near th
IV	E2.4	Medium			C1.1		Measure the surface and subsurface temperature regime o