# Cornell Mars Rover

RECRUITMENT SPRING '24 Application due: Feb. 1 @ 11:59pm tinyurl.com/cmrSP24



#### **Interest Form**

## SUBTEAMS MEMBERS

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# **UNIVERSITY ROVER CHALLENGE**

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# Equipment Servicing

"perform several dexterous operations on a mock-up equipment system"

Rover must:

- Push buttons
- Flip switches
- Turn knobs
- Operate a screwdriver
- Type on a keyboard
- Open latches

# Extreme Delivery Mission

"pick up and deliver objects in the field, and deliver assistance to astronauts"

Given GPS coordinates needed to:

- Pick up and deliver objects (ex. screwdrivers, hammers, toolboxes, rocks)
- Traverse a wide variety of terrain (ex. soft sandy areas, rock and boulder fields, vertical drops)





## Science Cache

"conduct in-situ analysis with the rover, including life detection testing of samples"

- Investigate sites of biological interest
- Conduct analysis of samples entirely on board the rover
- Determine the presence or absence of life at designated sites
- Present results, analysis, and conclusions

## Autonomous Traversal

"autonomously traverse between markers in this staged mission across… difficult terrain"

As given GPS coordinates get increasingly vague, operators give commands from the base station to:

- Locate AR Tags
- Avoid obstacles



# EQUIPMENT SERTHING

2017

#### AUTONOMOUS TRANSVERSAL

2018

AUTONOMOUS TRANSVERSAL

2019

# TEAM STRUCTURE

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#### **Overall Structure**



### Drives

- Suspension: Damped Rocker Suspension
- Wheels
- Frame/ECore: Bent Sheet Metal frame/ECore
- Camera Mast



Urethane wheel cad



Urethane wheel



3D printed wheel printing







Suspension frame assembly







### Arm

- **Structure** Lightweight and stiff supports
- Joints/Gearboxes Power/move the arm while achieving zero backlash
- End Effector Allow arm/rover to grip and manipulate a variety of objects



Parallel End Effector

Arm Extension Animation



Custom Cycloidal Gears





Big/Mini Arm Holding End Effectors 💓

ANSYS Modal Analysis



## AstroTech

Note: this subteam is not recruiting for Spring 2023, but we will be recruiting in the Fall!

- Short for "Astrobiological Technology"
- Developing an on-board life-detection lab for the science mission
- Collection, mixing, centrifuge, and analysis subsystems



**Mixing** Magnetic stir bars and compartmentalization



**Analysis** On-board test tubes and sensors



Collection Rotating scoop array



## AstroTech Research

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- Focus is to look for extinct, extant, and present life!
  - Soil analysis for organic compounds coupled with
  - Geological analysis for essential inorganic minerals
- Explore the presence of a potential biosphere using
  - Surface geology
  - Atmosphere
  - Biomolecules
- Experimental testing and data analysis to which knowledge about chemistry, biology, and geology, can be applied!



## Electrical

## Note: this subteam is not recruiting for Spring 2023, but we will be recruiting in the Fall!

- Develop rover electronics from the ground up
- Build flexible systems to meet a wide range of mechanical and CS requirements
- Circuit Design and Analysis, PCB Design, Microcontroller Programming, Motor Control, Sensors, Embedded communication protocols













### Software

We work with a variety of languages and frameworks to design and implement controls software for operating the rover.

- Autonomy Stack: AR Tag detection system using LIDAR for obstacle detection
- Arm control via inverse kinematics
- Design and implement interfaces for controlling the rover and its various functionality
- ROS the industry standard (meta) OS for robotics
- Building controls interfaces in React
- Initialization & operation scripting in Python

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## Business & Design

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- Web design, graphic design, social media, video editing, and finance
- Fundraise, budget, market, work with large scale sponsors, and reach out to other students and the local community

Crowdfunding 2018 launches November 1

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2019

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We are Recruiting!

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## FAQs

#### Q: What experience do you look for in applicants?

A: We expect applicants to have some technical experience (CAD, previous design work, etc). We are especially looking for passionate and driven individuals who are excited to build a rover!

#### Q: How many applicants do you expect to bring onto the team this cycle?

A: We don't know! We don't go into recruitment with a set number of spots to fill, the number of applicants that we bring onto the team depends on the applicant pool.

#### Q: What does the time commitment look like?

A: When onboarded in the spring you would enroll CMR for 2 credits (about 4-6 hrs of work a week). You would also enroll in ENGRG 1400 for 1 credit which equates to 3 hrs/week.

#### Q: What does the recruitment process look like?

A: We read through the applications name blind, then about a week after applications close we send out invitations for interviews. Interviews are about 20 mins where we ask a series of behavioral questions and technical questions. Don't stress too much about getting the right answer, we care more about seeing how you think through problems.

#### Q: How many subteams can I apply to?

A: Up to 2, you rank your first and second choices (second choice optional)

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# THANK YOU! Any Questions?



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