

Explorers Program (Astrophysics) Organization Chart

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Vacant, Explorers Deputy Business Manager
Ben Shoster, Explorers Financial Manager Futures

Bob Jenkins, Deputy Program Manager - Technical

Paula Wood (Acting), Division Support Manager

Phillip Francis, Project Support Specialist

Paige Wood

Administrative Assistants

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Systems Engineering
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John Staren
Gary Meadows

Safety & Mission Assurance (S&MA)
Joe Calabrese

Cross Division Shared Support
Configuration Management • IT Services
PP&C Oversight • Procurement
• Project Support

LV Liaison
Tom Jones

**Explorers/
Astrophysics**

APEX
(Selection ~Summer 2026)
TBD, MM

CASE
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Mark Swain (JPL), PI
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462 **LISA**
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