

NASA Needs Fresh Meat

An Outsider's Analysis of NASA's Current Astronaut Roster

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As a scientist (and an adrenaline junkie), getting blasted off the planet by 150 thousand kilos of liquid oxygen and kerosene sounds awesome to me, so I submitted an application to NASA to join the new cohort of astronaut candidates. Judging by historical data, it's likely applicants like myself have a chance of acceptance on the order of forty thousandths of a percent.