

**Abstract # 13061 - NASA's Terrestrial Planet Finder**

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NASA has made the search for life (both inside and beyond our solar system) a focus of its space science program. The goal of the Terrestrial Planet Finder (TPF) is to search for Earth-like planets.

Recently completed architecture studies suggest that both infrared and visible light techniques offer plausible solutions to the daunting observational problems this goal presents. I will summarize NASA's program, the results of recent studies, and the prospects for international collaboration on TPF.