

Science Fiction and NASA

Science fiction stories continue to look forward to a future in space.



The power and propulsion element of NASA's Gateway will help support human and robotic expeditions to the Moon's surface.

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Science fiction writers and artists rely on creativity and imagination. But the worlds and technologies of science fiction don't always stay make-believe. The science fiction film *2001: A Space Odyssey* premiered in 1968, entertaining viewers with a rich world in which humans were living and working in space. *2001* was one of the first science fiction films that expanded on real scientific concepts and research to imagine a future in space just beyond our reality. This exciting spark foreshadowed the creation of the International Space Station (ISS) over 50 years ago. Humans have now spent years working and learning aboard the ISS, a platform orbiting 250 miles above the Earth. Today, NASA is pushing out even farther with the planned Lunar Gateway of the Artemis mission. This new space station will help astronauts return to the Moon and pave the way to Mars and more great discoveries to fuel the imaginations of storytellers everywhere.



The interior of a futuristic space colony, imagined by an artist.