



## Eytan Stibbe to become second Israeli in space

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Eytan Stibbe will be the second Israeli going to space. In early 2022, he will join Axiom Space's first proposed mission to the International Space Station on behalf of the Ramon Foundation - the first non-profit organization to coordinate an astronaut's research aboard the International Space Station.

Stibbe will donate his time in space to Israeli researchers and entrepreneurs and intends to conduct scientific experiments. A large aspect of his participation will be to undertake a range of activities intended to inspire Israeli children, youth, and educators, and to make the wonders of space and the wide range of associated disciplines accessible to them. These initiatives will begin in advance of his flight and extend well beyond his return.

The scientific technological committee of the Ramon Foundation and the Israel Space Agency at the Ministry of Science and Technology – headed by Mrs. Inbal Kreiss, leader in Israel space industry and Head of Innovation at the Systems Missiles and Space Divisions of Israel Aerospace Industries – will select the experiments and technologies that will be sent to space with Stibbe. An educational committee will select the educational activities that Stibbe will carry out during his journey to space.

The mission presents an extraordinary opportunity for a significant advancement of the space and science industry in Israel, as well as the fulfilment of the late Rona Ramon's vision to provide Israeli children and youth with opportunities for academic excellence, social leadership, and groundbreaking experiences through science, aviation and space exploration.

"It is an honor to be part of this international mission focused on advancing science, education, and humanity. I am excited to dedicate my time in space to Israeli researchers and our young people and entrepreneurs, to advance our shared goals of having an impact on improved quality of life today and for generations to come." Stibbe said. "Most of all, I hope this journey will inspire children and youth around the world to learn and cultivate their passions in all fields of exploration.

"I also want to express my appreciation to our international partner, Axiom, and its team who have made this historic mission possible."

Stibbe is the founding partner of Vital Capital impact investment fund and for the past 35 years has been involved in business entrepreneurship and project financing in developing countries, promoting solutions to humanitarian problems, in collaboration between the public and the business sectors. Stibbe has been an active and reserve pilot in the Israeli Air Force for 43 years. He is one of the founders of the Ramon Foundation and a member of its Board of Directors.

### About The Ramon Foundation

Founded in 2010 by the Ramon family, in honor of the memories of Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli Astronaut and Asaf Ramon, the Ramon Foundation focuses on promoting space and aviation as the catalyst for achieving personal excellence, community involvement, groundbreaking academic performance, nurturing social innovation and teaching leadership to the children and young people of Israel. The Ramon Foundation is the first non-profit organization to coordinate an astronaut's research aboard the International Space Station. For more information, visit [https://en.ramonfoundation.org.il/?page\\_id=8753](https://en.ramonfoundation.org.il/?page_id=8753)

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