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Project Title:	Using Analog Missions to Develop Effective Team Composition Strategies for Long Duration Space Exploration		
Division Name:	Human Research		
Program/Discipline:			
Program/Discipline--Element/Subdiscipline:	HUMAN RESEARCH--Behavior and performance		
Joint Agency Name:	TechPort:	No	
Human Research Program Elements:	(1) HFBP: Human Factors & Behavioral Performance (IRP Rev H)		
Human Research Program Risks:	(1) Team: Risk of Performance and Behavioral Health Decrements Due to Inadequate Cooperation, Coordination, Communication, and Psychosocial Adaptation within a Team		
Space Biology Element:	None		
Space Biology Cross-Element Discipline:	None		
Space Biology Special Category:	None		
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No. of PhD Candidates:	2	No. of Master' Degrees:	1
No. of Master's Candidates:	No. of Bachelor's Degrees: 1		
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Flight Assignment:	NOTE: Extended to 7/31/2019 per J. Garrett/JSC (Ed., 12/21/18) NOTE: Extended to 12/31/2018 per NSSC information (Ed., 8/24/17) NOTE: Element change to Human Factors & Behavioral Performance; previously Behavioral Health & Performance (Ed., 1/17/17)		
Key Personnel Changes/Previous PI:	May 2017 report: Sonja Schmer-Galunder is added as CoInvestigator to serve as the lead scientist for our project at Smart Information Flow Technologies, LLC (SIFT).		
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Task Description:	<p>Astronaut crews for long-duration multi-national missions will endure many physical challenges and psychological stressors, some largely predictable in type and timing and others unpredictable. Crews are likely to be diverse with respect to educational background, skill set, ethnicity, gender, leadership/followership styles etc., yet they must form a cohesive team, and continue to function together at a high level of objective performance and remain responsive to mission support over the duration of the mission. Crew cohesion will be more fragile at times of high stress and fatigue, yet those are the times when performance must be unimpaired if the crew is to succeed. Adding to the challenge, the pool from which crews must be selected may be significantly constrained by other factors, such as past radiation exposure.</p> <p>For these reasons, it is essential that we understand how best to compose and support crews for long-duration space missions, and that we develop a set of validated tools to this end.</p> <p>In order to enable and advance long duration human space exploration, we are investigating individual and crew characteristics that may affect crew function and performance, by measuring both characteristics and performance on a range of simulated missions in analog environments. Based on the correlations found, we will develop a predictive model of the relationship between crew composition and performance. We will validate and enhance this model via data collected on two 8-month Hawai'i Space Exploration Analog and Simulation (HI-SEAS) missions, and use the results to provide NASA with a set of tools to optimize its crew composition strategies.</p> <p>Ed. note December 2018: Project has been rescoped and the specific aims of the re-scoped study are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Aim 1: Collect, develop, and verify a set of individual, dyad, and crew characteristics that are expected (based on past investigations) to be relevant to crew composition. * Aim 2: Identify correlations, if any, between those characteristics and crew function/performance, using data from a series of simulated missions of various lengths at analog sites. * Aim 3: Build a predictive model based on these correlations. * Aim 4: Validate that model over two eight-month simulated missions at the HI-SEAS analog. * Aim 5: Develop a set of tools (e.g., rubric, implemented model, best practices) NASA can use to optimize crew composition.
Rationale for HRP Directed Research:	
Research Impact/Earth Benefits:	<p>The objective of this investigation is to provide data and recommendations to inform crew composition for long-duration space missions, and to enable the implementation of countermeasures for problems related to crew behavioral health and performance.</p>
Task Progress:	<p>Editor's Note: The project has been on hold and rescoped. It has restarted recently per December 2018 information from HFBP (Human Factors and Behavioral Performance) element personnel.</p> <p>The specific aims of the re-scoped study are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Aim 1: Collect, develop, and verify a set of individual, dyad, and crew characteristics that are expected (based on past investigations) to be relevant to crew composition. * Aim 2: Identify correlations, if any, between those characteristics and crew function/performance, using data from a series of simulated missions of various lengths at analog sites. * Aim 3: Build a predictive model based on these correlations. * Aim 4: Validate that model over two eight-month simulated missions at the HI-SEAS analog. * Aim 5: Develop a set of tools (e.g., rubric, implemented model, best practices) NASA can use to optimize crew composition.
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