

UK space officials seek nifty name for Mars rover

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Our neighbouring planet Mars in 2016, from the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope. Credit: NASA, ESA, the Hubble Heritage Team (STScI/AURA), J. Bell (ASU), and M. Wolff (Space Science Institute)



The U.K. Space Agency is looking for a catchy name for the ExoMars Rover being developed for use in a mission set for 2020.

The agency launched a competition Friday to find the best name for the rover, a key U.K. contribution to the European Space Agency's Mars voyage.

The winner won't get a trip to Mars—that would take far too long.

However, the winner will win the chance to take three guests on a tour of the Airbus facility in Stevenage, around 30 miles (48 kms) north of London, where the rover is being built.

The <u>rover</u> is a six-wheeled robot that will search for evidence of past or even present life.

The contest is open to residents of countries belonging to the European Space Agency.

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