



Personal Vision Statement for Interstellar Flight
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Since inception, Icarus Interstellar has risen meteorically to become the most well known, and productive interstellar research organization on the planet. With that said, we still operate in a similar fashion to a 'start-up' company, and during my tenure as president I plan to shepherd our organization into maturity, so as to adequately lay the foundations for our long term objectives. I see this as being crucial if we are to survive the test of time, and see through our mission - which may take decades to realize.

My main areas of focus will be:

- Streamlining all areas of administration, operation and communication to ensure that our team has the tools, resources and network to operate in the most efficient capacity possible.*
- Developing a variety of funding streams to further our ambitions, by refining Icarus' value proposition and accenting the rigor with which we pursue our research efforts.*
- Re-aligning our focus towards a concerted effort to explore opportunities and achieve credible interstellar flight, via an interstellar roadmap which will be used to orchestrate Icarus' research as well as invite participation from external groups.*
- Canvassing the inclusion of stakeholders from sciences, humanities and arts with a new focus towards experimentation and development, as initiated via the Anchorage Makerspace, to be furthered with a formal, permanently staffed facility dedicated to Interstellar flight research and development, along the lines of the Icarus Institute for Interstellar Sciences (Cress, 2011).*
- To polarize, within the space education community, the need for an academy dedicated to interstellar education and research, along the lines of the Starflight Academy initiative.*
- To grow Icarus' kinship to a benchmark of 1000 students, designers and membership subscribers by the end of 2014, through streamlined recruitment methods, student chapter formation guidelines and the creation of circumstances inviting all those willing and able to participate meaningfully in the quest to achieve interstellar flight.*
- To make Icarus Interstellar synonymous with credible interstellar flight in the media, so as to attract interests and investments by content creators, donors and philanthropic donors.*

While my long term goal is clearly interstellar flight, there are many pieces to the jigsaw puzzle that require our near term focus. I eagerly seek the council of our respected team, from most recent to seasoned Icarii, on the priorities we set and opportunities available to us.

Slow and steady wins the race, but let's work hard to get there sooner rather than later.

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