

Life Beyond Earth. How Do We Find It?

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The NAI-Funded SETI Institute Biosignature Detection expedition in the Chilean Altiplano and the Andes was featured in a National Geographic special issue authored by Jamie Shreeve, “Life probably exists beyond Earth. So, how do we find it?”

- SETI Institute scientists, funded by NASA, gather data in the Chilean desert that will inform the search for life on Mars.
- Domes dotting the seemingly lifeless landscape host microbes that thrive in the harsh climate.
- “It is full of life, absolutely everywhere,” says team leader Nathalie Cabrol.

Picture: Salar de Pajonales, Chilean Altiplano. Field of gypsum domes, which are habitats to endolithic microorganisms.

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