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Alex Petrov: My group is working on the CubeSat engineering project, where we're trying to

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develop a CubeSat concept in ten weeks.

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Clayton Jacobs: CubeSat is a small satellite that's self-contained, usually launched by

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universities or educational institutions.

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Liz Sauerbrunn: It's a fairly inexpensive way to send instruments in to space and so

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I think that's the future of small satellites is CubeSats.

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Liz Sauerbrunn: I'm really excited.

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As interns, we get to actually determine what the mission will be, so we were just given

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a general idea and it was our job to define everything about the CubeSat mission itself.

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Pat Kilroy: They need to come up with a concept for a mission.

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They design the mission from scratch, and

then develop the hardware that it would take,

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all the way from concept to preliminary design review.

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They will document that progress, which will be handed off to the next group, and we'll

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see how many groups it might take, perhaps one day we'll actually have flight hardware.

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Liz Sauerbrunn: I hope for that this project we can have a final report and presentation

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where next summer they can pick it up and know all of our designs, all of the decisions

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we've made and be able to seamlessly transition into the next phase of the project.

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Alex Petrov: In school you're always working on the same kind of structured material, hundreds

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of students have gone through the same assignments before you, and I think it's really cool to

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just kind of go into unpaved territory and make it up as we go along.

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I feel like it's very reminiscent of what

you will be seeing in industry.

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Clayton Jacobs: When you leave and you have an experience like this, you know how many

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kids get to say I was at NASA and I have things in space, you know, that I designed.