



Summary:

Robb Kulin was selected by NASA to join the 2017 Astronaut Candidate Class. He reported for duty in August 2017. The Alaska native earned a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Denver before going on to complete a Master's degree in Materials Science and a Doctorate in Engineering at the University of California, San Diego. He has previous experience as an ice driller in Antarctica on the West Antarctic Ice Sheet and Taylor Glaciers, and as a commercial fisherman in Chignik, Alaska. He is a private pilot and also enjoys playing piano, photography, packrafting, running, cycling, backcountry skiing and SCUBA diving. Kulin retired from NASA in August 2018.

Personal Data:

Kulin was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska. His parents, Stephen and Karen Kulin, still live there. He has two older sisters, Kristi and Tara.

Education:

Graduated from Robert Service High School in Anchorage, Alaska. Earned a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Denver. Earned a Master's degree in Materials Science from the University of California, San Diego. Earned a Doctorate in Engineering from the University of California, San Diego, studying dynamic bone fracture.

Experience:

At the time of his selection in June 2017, Kulin was senior manager for flight reliability at SpaceX, leading the Launch Chief Engineering group in Hawthorne, California, where he had worked since 2011. He has previous experience as an ice driller in Antarctica on the West Antarctic Ice Sheet and Taylor Glaciers, and as a commercial fisherman in Chignik, Alaska.

NASA Experience:

Kulin reported for duty in August 2017 to begin two years of training as an Astronaut Candidate. He resigned from NASA in August 2018.

Awards/Honors:

Fulbright Fellow
Antarctic Service Medal