Art Meets Science

As astronomers discover new planets, artists imagine what these worlds might look like.

Curious about science and passionate about art? Science illustrators combine these interests every day. Guided by real scientific discoveries, science illustrators create art that inspires the public. Scientists have discovered thousands of planets orbiting other stars in recent years, but the planets are too small and too far away to see, even through the most powerful telescopes. Making design decisions based on data, science illustrators bring these worlds to life in vibrant images. Imagining planets with deep oceans, pools of lava, and high mountain peaks is just another day at work for science illustrators, who often have professional training in both science and art.