SOFIA is the Bridge to the Next Far Infrared Mission

Being a Testbed for Technology
- Detector Arrays
- Advanced Spectrometers
- Array Heterodyne Receivers
- Polarimeters

Refining the Science Themes
- Star Formation
- Life Cycle of Matter in the ISM
- Solar System Objects
- Galactic Center
- Magnetic Fields

Educating the Public
- Support of STEM Education
- Public Awareness of Infrared

SOFIA provides the world astronomical community with the only regular access to the far-infrared.