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Bobak Ferdowsi is a member of the Mission Engineering team on the Europa Clipper study at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. His prior positions have included Engineering Systems, Mission Planner and Integrated Launch and Cruise Verification and Validation Engineer on Mars Science Laboratory Curiosity, as well as Science Planner on the Cassini mission. In addition he served as Flight Director during Curiosity operations.

Bobak earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics in 2001 from the University of Washington and subsequently his Master of Science in the same area from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Bobak has always wanted to work on missions to Mars. He plays shortstop in the Jet Propulsion Laboratory softball league and usually rides his bike to work.