Grad student topic suggestions:

Pre space-age studies of Mars Martian moons Mars geophysics and InSight mission Formation and differentiation of Mars Heavy bombardment of Mars (origin, timing, effects on Mars) Mars meteorites Magnetics (former, remnant) Crustal composition and evolution Mineralogy, especially secondary alteration Impact cratering Use of craters for dating landscapes Volcanism Tectonism Mass wasting Eolian processes and history Fluvial processes and history Glaciation Present-day atmosphere Atmospheric methane controversy Ancient climate change Origin and history of water Prospects for ancient life Prospects for present-day (extant) life Future robotic exploration Future human exploration Mars Science Lab (Curiosity) results Mars Exploration Rovers (Opportunity and/or Spirit) results Mud volcanism In situ resource utilization Engineering colonies on Mars InSight mission results SpaceX Mars colonization Mars exploration by China Mars Sample Return Suggest any other topic