



2008A Proposal Process Update

Dave Bell

NOAO received 425 observing proposals for telescope time during the 2008A observing semester. These included 177 proposals for Gemini, 114 for KPNO, 87 for CTIO, 38 for Keck, 13 for MMT, eight for Magellan, and seven for HET. Thesis projects accounted for 26 percent (110 proposals) of those received, 18 proposals requested long-term status, and 22 proposals requested survey status. Time-request statistics by telescope and instrument appear in the tables on the following pages. Subscription rate statistics will be published in the March 2008 *NOAO/NSO Newsletter*.

As of this writing, proposals are being reviewed by members of the NOAO Time Allocation Committee (see the following listing). We expect all telescope schedules to be completed by 7 December 2007, and plan to notify proposers of the status of their requests at that time. Mailed information packets will follow the email notifications by about two weeks.

Looking ahead to Semester 2008B, Web information and forms will be available online around February 28. The March issue of this *Newsletter* will contain updated instrument and proposal information.

2008A Time Allocation Committee Members

Survey (22-23 October 2007)

Tod Lauer, Chair, NOAO

Eric Agol, University of Washington
Alison Coil, University of Arizona, Steward
Erica Ellingson, University of Colorado
Barry Madore, Carnegie Observatories
Daniel McIntosh, University of Massachusetts
Ed Olszewski, University of Arizona, Steward
Sidney Wolff, NOAO

Solar System (1-2 November 2007)

David Trilling, Chair, University of Arizona, Steward

Travis Barman, Lowell Observatory
Anita Cochran, McDonald Observatory
Drake Deming, NASA GSFC
Renu Malhotra, University of Arizona, LPL
Beatrice Mueller, Planetary Science Institute

Extragalactic (5-6 November 2007)

Mark Dickinson, Chair, NOAO

Richard Green, Chair, Large Binocular Telescope Observatory

Tod Lauer, Chair, NOAO

John Blakeslee, Washington State University
John Feldmeier, Youngstown University
Andy Fruchter, STScI
Karl Gebhardt, University of Texas, Austin
Michael Gregg, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
Lisa Kewley, University of Hawaii, IfA
Mark Lacy, Spitzer Science Center
Tom Matheson, NOAO
Knut Olsen, NOAO
Casey Papovich, University of Arizona, Steward
Alice Shapley, Princeton University
Tom Statler, Ohio University
Daniel Stern, Caltech/JPL
Alan Stockton, University of Hawaii, IfA
Louis Strolger, Western Kentucky University

Galactic 1 (7-8 November 2007)

Ata Sarajedini, Chair, University of Florida

Jeff Valenti, Chair, STScI

Kim Venn, Chair, University of Victoria

Timothy Beers, Michigan State University
Bob Blum, NOAO
Geoffrey Clayton, Louisiana State University
Orsola de Marco, American Museum of Natural History
Moshe Elitzur, University of Kentucky
Don Garnett, University of Arizona, Steward
Inese Ivans, Carnegies Observatories
Chris Johns-Krull, Rice University
Jennifer Johnson, Ohio State University
Greg Laughlin, University of California, Santa Cruz
Kevin Luhman, Pennsylvania State University
Mario Mateo, University of Michigan
Nathan Smith, University of California, Berkeley
Stefanie Wachter, Spitzer Science Center
Lisa Young, New Mexico Tech

2008A Instrument Request Statistics by Telescope Standard Proposals

Kitt Peak National Observatory

Telescope	Instrument	Proposals	Runs	Total Nights	Dark Nights	% Dark	Avg. Nights/Run
KP-4m		51	63	228.9	84.5	37	3.6
	ECH	3	3	32	0	0	10.7
	FLMN	4	4	12	0	0	3
	MARS	4	8	16	6	38	2
	MOSA	16	19	58.2	52	89	3.1
	NEWFIRM	13	13	44.5	0.5	1	3.4
	RCSP	14	15	61.1	26	43	4.1
	VIS	1	1	5	0	0	5
WIYN		28	32	107.8	50	46	3.4
	HYDR	15	16	63	28	44	3.9
	MIMO	7	7	19.8	10	51	2.8
	OPTIC/Other	2	3	9	6	67	3
	SPSPK	3	4	12	4	33	3
	WHIRC	2	2	4	2	50	2
KP-2.1m		17	20	108.9	12	11	5.4
	CFIM	4	4	18	1	6	4.5
	ET	1	1	1.7	0	0	1.7
	FLMN	1	1	12	0	0	12
	GCAM	6	7	27	11	41	3.9
	SQIID	3	3	16.2	0	0	5.4
	VIS	2	4	34	0	0	8.5
KP-0.9m		6	6	27	6	22	4.5
	MOSA	6	6	27	6	22	4.5

Gemini Observatory

Telescope	Instrument	Proposals	Runs	Total Nights	Dark Nights	% Dark	Avg. Nights/Run
GEM-N		121	155	187.7	70.9	38	1.2
	GMOSN	57	76	99.3	61.7	62	1.3
	MOIRCS	4	4	4	0	0	1
	Michelle	12	13	10.7	0	0	0.8
	NIFS	14	15	18.1	3.2	17	1.2
	NIRI	40	43	50.5	3.2	6	1.2
	SuprimeCam	4	4	5.2	2.9	55	1.3
GEM-S		61	71	105.1	15.8	15	1.5
	GMOSS	25	28	33.4	13.5	41	1.2
	Phoenix	22	24	53.7	0	0	2.2
	TReCS	16	19	18.1	2.2	12	1

Cerro Tololo InterAmerican Observatory

Telescope	Instrument	Proposals	Runs	Total Nights	Dark Nights	% Dark	Avg. Nights/Run
CT-4m		44	49	169.7	39	23	3.5
	HYDRA	13	14	50.5	13	26	3.6
	ISPI	4	4	13	0	0	3.2
	MOSAIC	12	14	43.2	20	46	3.1
	RCSP	15	16	59	6	10	3.7
	VIS	1	1	4	0	0	4
SOAR		10	10	29.1	0.5	2	2.9
	OSIRIS	6	6	22	0	0	3.7
	SOI	4	4	7.1	0.5	7	1.8
CT-1.5m		5	6	25.3	7	28	4.2
	CSPEC	5	6	25.3	7	28	4.2
CT-1.3m		3	3	12.9	8.5	66	4.3
	ANDI	3	3	12.9	8.5	66	4.3
CT 1.0m		8	11	94	31	33	8.5
	CFIM	8	11	94	31	33	8.5
CT-0.9m		12	15	44.5	21.5	48	3
	CFIM	12	15	44.5	21.5	48	3

Community Access Observatories

Telescope	Instrument	Proposals	Runs	Total Nights	Dark Nights	% Dark	Avg. Nights/Run
Keck-I		19	19	27.6	6	22	1.5
	HIRES	14	14	21.1	1	5	1.5
	IF	2	2	1.5	0	0	0.8
	LRIS	3	3	5	5	100	1.7

Keck-II		20	23	28	4	14	1.2
	DEIMOS	4	4	6	4	67	1.5
	ESI	2	2	3	0	0	1.5
	NIRC2-NGS	3	6	7.5	0	0	1.2
	NIRSPEC	10	10	10	0	0	1
	OSIRIS-LGS	1	1	1.5	0	0	1.5

Telescope	Instrument	Proposals	Runs	Total Nights	Dark Nights	% Dark	Avg. Nights/Run
HET		6	6	8.4	0.6	7	1.4
	HRS	5	5	7.8	0	0	1.6
	LRS	1	1	0.6	0.6	100	0.6

Telescope	Instrument	Proposals	Runs	Total Nights	Dark Nights	% Dark	Avg. Nights/Run
Magellan-I		1	1	2	2	100	2
	IMACS	1	1	2	2	100	2

Magellan-II		7	7	12	0	0	1.7
	LDSS3	1	1	2	0	0	2
	MIKE	5	5	8	0	0	1.6
	MagIC	1	1	2	0	0	2

Telescope	Instrument	Proposals	Runs	Total Nights	Dark Nights	% Dark	Avg. Nights/Run
MMT		12	12	27	19	70	2.2
	BCHAN	4	4	8	3	38	2
	Hectochelle	1	1	1	0	0	1
	Hectospec	6	6	13	11	85	2.2
	MegaCam	1	1	5	5	100	5