



2009A Proposal Process Update

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NOAO received 385 observing proposals for telescope time during the 2009A observing semester. These included 144 proposals for Gemini, 97 for KPNO, 95 for CTIO, 53 for Keck, 17 for MMT, and 9 for Magallen. Thesis projects accounted for 29 percent (110 proposals) of those received, 15 proposals requested long-term status, and 11 requested time through the NOAO Survey program. Time-request statistics by telescope and instrument appear in the following tables. Subscription rate statistics will be published in the March 2009 edition of this *Newsletter*.

Proposals were reviewed in October and November +by members of the NOAO Time Allocation Committee (see the following listing). We expect all telescope schedules to be completed by 12 December 2008, and plan to notify principal investigators of the status of their requests at that time.

Looking ahead to 2009B, information and forms will be available online around March 1. The March 2009 issue of this *Newsletter* will contain updated instrument and proposal information.

2009A Time Allocation Committee Members

Solar System (30–31 October 2008)

David Trilling, Chair, University of Arizona, Steward
Travis Barman, Lowell Observatory
Amanda Hendrix, Caltech, JPL
Renu Malhotra, University of Arizona, LPL
Bill Merline, Southwest Research Institute
Beatrice Mueller, Planetary Science Institute

Survey (15–16 October 2008)

Mauro Giavalisco, Chair, University of Massachusetts
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Davy Kirkpatrick, Caltech, IPAC
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Adam Stanford, University of California, Davis

Extragalactic (3–4 November 2008)

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Alan Stockton, University of Hawai'i, IfA
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Pieter van Dokkum, Yale University
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Galactic (5–6 November 2008)

Steve Howell, Chair, NOAO
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Jeff Valenti, Chair, Space Telescope Science Institute
Ted Bergin, University of Michigan
Bob Blum, NOAO
John Carr, Naval Research Laboratory
Geoffrey Clayton, Louisiana State University
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2009A Instrument Request Statistics by Telescope

Gemini Observatory

Telescope	Instrument	Proposals	Runs	Total Nights	Dark Nights	% Dark	Avg. Nights/Run
GEM-N		95	120	125.8	48.3	38	1
	GMOSN	48	58	71.3	42.2	59	1.2
	MOIRCS	2	2	1.3	0.9	68	0.7
	Michelle	6	6	4.6	2.6	56	0.8
	NIFS	13	14	13.5	0	0	1
	NIRI	34	38	32.1	2.6	8	0.8
	SuprimeCam	2	2	3	0	0	1.5
GEM-S		52	64	83	16.8	20	1.3
	GMOSS	27	34	34.2	16.8	49	1
	Phoenix	16	20	33.2	0	0	1.7
	TReCS	10	10	15.6	0	0	1.6

Kitt Peak National Observatory

Telescope	Instrument	Proposals	Runs	Total Nights	Dark Nights	% Dark	Avg. Nights/Run
KP-4m		44	54	198.5	88.5	45	3.7
	ECH	2	2	9	0	0	4.5
	FLMN	2	2	3.5	0.5	14	1.8
	IRMOS	1	1	2	0	0	2
	MARS	1	1	3	0	0	3
	MOSA	16	20	64	55	86	3.2
	NEWFIRM	11	11	55	12	22	5
	RCSP	13	17	62	21	34	3.6
WIYN		21	24	76.5	47.5	62	3.2
	HYDR	9	11	34	19	56	3.1
	MIMO	5	5	21.5	18.5	86	4.3
	OPTIC	3	4	10	10	100	2.5
	SPSPK	2	2	7	0	0	3.5
	VIS	1	1	3	0	0	3
	WHIRC	1	1	1	0	0	1
KP-2.1m		26	33	174.5	57	33	5.3
	CFIM	10	12	66	37	56	5.5
	ET	2	5	29	0	0	5.8
	FLMN	3	3	12	0	0	4
	GCAM	10	10	51.5	20	39	5.2
	VIS	2	3	16	0	0	5.3
KP-0.9m		3	3	13	6	46	4.3
	MOSA	3	3	13	6	46	4.3

Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory

Telescope	Instrument	Proposals	Runs	Total Nights	Dark Nights	% Dark	Avg. Nights/Run
CT-4m		43	48	174	67	39	3.6
	HYDRA	10	10	38	14	37	3.8
	ISPI	6	6	18	0	0	3
	MOSAIC	21	23	90	46	51	3.9
	RCSP	8	8	24	7	29	3
	VIS	1	1	4	0	0	4
SOAR		18	20	53.4	13.8	26	2.7
	Goodman	5	6	17.3	5.3	31	2.9
	OSIRIS	8	8	19.8	0	0	2.5
	SOI	6	6	16.3	8.5	52	2.7
CT-1.5m		11	13	65.5	4	6	5
	CSPEC	8	9	50.5	4	8	5.6
	FECH	3	4	15	0	0	3.8
CT-1.3m		9	11	25.6	0	0	2.3
	ANDI	9	11	25.6	0	0	2.3
CT-1.0m		4	6	42	24	57	7
	CFIM	4	6	42	24	57	7
CT-0.9m		14	19	74.5	15.7	21	3.9
	CFIM	14	19	74.5	15.7	21	3.9

Community Access Observatories

Telescope	Instrument	Proposals	Runs	Total Nights	Dark Nights	% Dark	Avg. Nights/Run
Keck-I		31	34	49.5	13.5	27	1.5
	HIRES	17	19	29.5	3	10	1.6
	IF	4	5	5	0	0	1
	LRIS	10	10	15	10.5	70	1.5
Keck-II		27	29	41.5	11	27	1.4
	DEIMOS	6	6	9	5	56	1.5
	ESI	2	2	3	3	100	1.5
	IF	3	3	2	0	0	0.7
	NIRC2-LGS	1	1	1	0	0	1
	NIRSPA0-NGS	1	1	2	0	0	2
	NIRSPEC	14	15	21.5	0	0	1.4
	OSIRIS-LGS	1	1	3	3	100	3
Magellan-I		3	3	3.3	3	91	1.1
	IMACS	2	2	3	3	100	1.5
	MagIC	1	1	0.3	0	0	0.3
Magellan-II		6	6	11	2	18	1.8
	MIKE	3	3	5	0	0	1.7
	MagE	3	3	6	2	33	2
MMT		15	15	36.5	19	52	2.4
	ARIES	1	1	2	0	0	2
	BCHAN	4	4	11	8	73	2.8
	HectoChelle	1	1	3	0	0	3
	Hectospec	8	8	19.5	11	56	2.4
	PISCES	1	1	1	0	0	1