

Expanding Flexibility

New Proposing and Observing Modes

Large and Long Programs

Long and Large Programs now occupy up to 20% of Gemini observing time for the participating partners (United States, Canada, Australia, and Argentina). These programs require significantly more time than is typically approved for a single program, or are extended

over two to six semesters, or both.

Principal Investigators (PIs) must be based in an institution within one of the participating partner countries, though there is no restriction on Co-Investigator (Co-I) affiliation.

The annual announcement of opportunity is issued late each year, with Letters of Intent due in early February and proposals due in early April, for observations to begin in the subsequent B semester. For more information see: <http://goo.gl/wh47Ak>

Visit <http://goo.gl/WFZNpb> for details on current Large and Long Programs.

Priority Visitor Observing Mode

This new observing mode allows PIs (or team member) to visit Gemini prepared to observe either their own program, if conditions meet their requirements, or execute approved queue programs, if the conditions are too poor. Unobserved portions of the program can be executed within the regular queue. Support for a student to join you is also available through the "Bring One, Get One" program, see: <http://goo.gl/yjqhQC>



Fast Turnaround Programs

The Fast Turnaround program is now accepting proposals! Most Gemini users can now submit proposals every month, to be reviewed by PIs/Co-Is of other proposals submitted during that round. PIs will be notified of the outcome within 3 weeks and accepted programs will be observed in a "mini-queue" on three dedicated nights each month.

This is an ongoing pilot program using up to 10% of the telescope time at Gemini North; your proposals and feedback will help us make it a regular way of applying for time on Gemini, for details see: <http://goo.gl/yhJkcZ>

Find out more about all of Gemini's observing modes at: <http://goo.gl/mLIXHH>