

Access to the Subaru Telescope time by Australian researchers: procedures

for Semester S18A. July 2017, Subaru Telescope

1 Who can apply to the time

Researchers who belong to institutes in Australia can submit proposal(s) as PI.

2 Proposal submission

0. S18A semester starts on February 1, 2018 and ends on July 31, 2018.
1. Australian proposals should be submitted to Subaru Telescope in usual manner. The format of the proposal, the use of ProMS (Subaru Proposal Management System), and the deadline of the application are the same as regular open-use proposals. Applicants are required to explicitly specify “[AUS Time]” in the title head of their proposals to distinguish from regular proposals.
2. Australian time has the following restrictions.
 - Time exchange programs (proposals using Gemini and Keck instruments) are not eligible.
 - Service mode programs, ToO programs, and HSC queue-mode programs are not eligible. This is because for these programs the execution is not guaranteed. Proposals using HSC will be executed in classical mode.
 - Intensive programs are not eligible.
3. Additional details on proposal submission can be found at <https://www.naoj.org/Observing/Proposals/>. The proposal deadline for S18A will be noon, September 7th in Japan time.

3 Selection

1. Although this Australian access to the Subaru Telescope uses Director’s discretionary time (DDT), the review and time-allocation process for the Australian proposals are the same as those for regular open-use programs. Referees will review proposals and Subaru TAC will make decisions on the open-use telescope time allocation.
2. TAC will allocate observation time to the Australian proposals in the order of proposal score as Director’s discretionary time (DDT) until the total number of nights allocated reaches five, even if their scores are below the threshold for normal proposals to be approved.
3. If, when the total number of nights allocated to the Australian proposals reaches five, there are more Australian proposals above the threshold for normal proposals to be approved, the Subaru TAC will still allocate observation time to them as a part of open-use time.
4. Schedule constraints may prevent a selection of programs with high referee scores. Also, the balance in lunar illumination among the selected programs may be considered.
5. TAC will invite up to two Australian representatives (through video meeting system or at NAOJ Mitaka HQ) when TAC discuss about selection of Australian proposals. The discussion will be made in English. Australian representatives can make comments on the selection of Australian proposals.
6. Results of the selection will be reported to the Australian representatives. The PI name, contact information, proposal title, and instrument request of all the Australian proposals will be shared with Australian representatives.

4 Execution

1. Austlian programs will be executed in classical mode. That means the observers should be present either at Maunakea or NAOJ Mitaka HQ remote observing room.
2. Travel cost will not be supported by Subaru Telescope.
3. If more than 50% of Australian time in S18A and S18B (i.e., 5 or more nights) is lost due to telescope or instrument failure of Subaru Telescope (excluding time lost by weather condition), TAC will try to allocate additional 5 nights in S19A or later.

5 Open-use policy

1. Conduct of observing program, data delivery, and data access rights are handled under the Subaru Telescope open-use policy. The obtained data will become public in Subaru Telescope Archive System (STARS) and Subaru-Mitaka-Okayama-Kiso science Archive (SMOKA) 18 months after the acquisition.