

Large Observing Proposals

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1 Introduction

By the next Call for Proposals (with deadline in the middle of November 2014), a system of Large Observing Proposals will be introduced where researchers or research groups can apply for observing time for multi-semester programs. Below the general rules and requirements applicable to Large Observing Proposals are given.

2 Rules and Requirements

- Proposals can be submitted for all semesters, or every other semester (only the summer or the winter semester).
- The proposals should cover a minimum of 2 semesters.
- The proposals can initially only apply for a maximum of 3 years, but they might be extended (after evaluation).
- Proposals are to be submitted together with normal proposals at the regular deadline. Proposals only applying for the summer or winter semesters should be submitted at the corresponding deadline.
- Proposals can have multiple PIs (with home institutes from different countries). In the case there is more than one country represented, the observing time is assigned in equally parts to the national shares.
- With advise from the OPC, the NOT Council will decide about possible maxima to the fractions of national time and the fraction of total available time that can be dedicated to these programs. Large proposals might be allocated time for only a single semester like regular proposals.
- A dedicated proposal form will be made. In principle this will be modelled on the existing one for regular proposals. The proposal form will include a project plan detailing the available resources, and providing a description of the expected progress of the proposal to be used as baseline for an annual review (see below).
- Scheduling requirements should be provided at the regular deadline for proposals in each semester.
- A short progress report (maximum 1 A4) should be submitted once a year at the regular proposal deadline. The reports will be carefully evaluated by the OPC, and the allocation to a program may be adjusted.
- The same rules with respect to user contributions apply to large proposals as to any other Nordic proposal.
- Who provides which parts of any user contribution is for the applicants to determine, but the home institute(s) of the PI(s) take(s) the responsibility to arrange for any payment.