

2017-2018 NIGHT-TIME CCI International Time Programme

***NB: The deadline for the 2017 call for proposals is
midnight, February 28, 2017.***

**The International Scientific Committee (CCI) of the Roque de los Muchachos (ORM, La Palma) and Teide (OT, Tenerife) observatories invites applications for International Time Programmes (ITP) on telescopes installed at these
Observatories.**

The ITP offers up to 5% of the observing time, evenly spread throughout the year and the lunar cycle, at the telescopes listed on the ITP web page:

www.iac.es/eno.php?op1=5&op2=13&op3=26&lang=en

A proposal can request up to 15 nights/year (80 hours on GTC & STELLA) of observing time. A proposal can cover a period of up to two consecutive years, i.e. in this case, up to a maximum of 30 nights / 160 hours per telescope can be requested. Proposals must include a justification of the time requested on each telescope.

Specific guidelines for the individual telescope facilities are available on their webs.

The aim of the ITP is to encourage international scientific projects of the highest quality, which cannot easily be accommodated within other time allocation schemes, and which foster collaboration between the different user institutions at the observatories. Proposals should be international in their range of participants and are expected to involve astronomers from at least three of the European countries that are signatories to the Agreements for Cooperation in Astrophysics*. Moreover, astronomers from scientific institutions from any other country in the world can be included. The PI should ensure in advance that those astronomers participating in observing runs will have access to travel and subsistence funds, as this is not provided by the CCI or OPTICON.

The observing programmes should concentrate on a single astronomical investigation. Proposals that would benefit from the use of more than one facility, and in particular those which would be unlikely to obtain the necessary large amount of observing time through the usual time allocation panels because of the difficulty to coordinate several telescopes, are especially encouraged. Hence a typical ITP program is a large or a small international program which involves a complementary use of different telescope facilities, with a clear case why the total is more than the sum of the parts.

Scientific excellence is a prime consideration. Each proposal will be assessed scientifically by the respective TACs and by the CCI, which reserves the right not to make an award on one or more telescopes if the quality of the proposals is not adequate to justify their use. The CCI may award time to one or more projects. Proposers should be aware that, according to the international agreements, once a project is selected, and with the agreement of the Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias, any Spanish institution shall have the right to join the programme if it wishes.

* Germany, UK, Belgium, Spain, Italy, France & Finland.

Successful applicants should send annual brief progress reports to the CCI (cci@iac.es). On completion of the programme, and not later than one year after the final period of observing time, a full report should be submitted to the CCI for publication in its Annual Report and the acquired data products should be made publically available. The following acknowledgement should be included when publishing results that include data obtained under this program:

“Data for this [programme/paper] has been obtained under the International Time Programme of the CCI (International Scientific Committee of the Observatorios de Canarias of the IAC) with the [telescope/s] operated on the island/s of Tenerife/La Palma by the [operator/s] in the Observatorio del Teide/Roque de los Muchachos.”

Practical boundary conditions:

Proposers must bear in mind that specific instrumentation may not be available at all times and that the CCI does not schedule the observing time as this is done by the corresponding technical committees of each telescope or group of telescopes. Therefore, if a proposal will require specific scheduling requirements for a telescope, or coordinated requirements at various telescopes, (such as large scale monitoring projects that require a fraction of many nights) the PI needs to contact the corresponding telescope staff to discuss this in advance of submitting the application.

Proposals are considered on an annual cycle. The closing date for submission of proposals to the next ITP is the last day of February each year for projects, which may start during the second semester of the same year. The **Application Form** can be requested from: cci@iac.es from **December 1st, 2016** and will require the following information:

- a. Title; list of applicants and their affiliations
- b. An informative summary, not exceeding one side of A4
- c. A science case including:
 - Relevant background
 - Motivation for programme
 - What the programme can achieve
- d. A table specifying the time request per telescope and the observing mode/s.
- e. A description of the observations to be obtained (including a target list), assessment of feasibility (technical case) and the justification of the amount of observing time per telescope.
- f. A project management plan, which includes how the work will be shared among the CoIs
- g. A commentary on the use made of earlier ITP time awarded to any of the applicants (only if ITP has been granted previously).
- h. References.

The page limit for each section is indicated on the Form; any information beyond this limit will be excluded. Proposals must be saved as a pdf file and returned by e-mail to: cci@iac.es The CCI Secretary will confirm its safe reception and indicate the corresponding Proposal Number.

The Solar ITP is advertised and managed for the CCI by the EAST:
www.astro-east.org/

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