

# Cycle 9 Call for Proposals PMB

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# Cycle 9 Call for Proposals: Key Dates

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Milestone	Date
Release (US GO)	June 2, 2020
Update on Website	July 17, 2020
Proposals Due	September 4, 2020 (9:00 pm PDT)
US TAC	October 14 – 16, 2020
Selections Announced	December 2020
Observing Period	July 6, 2021 – March 31, 2022

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- We are keeping the CfP/solicitation schedule, as the release-to-first-observation is long.
  - Better to have proposals than lack of targets
  - The C-check has moved so the Cy 8 target pool is not “rich” over the full year
- We are [still] aiming for an in-person TAC, but may change to virtual as the Covid-19 situation develops
- Depending on implementation of the Cy 8 New Zealand deployment, Southern targets for Cy 9 will be decided at the time of selection (Nov., 2020)
- Observing Period specified (due to moved C-Check) as July 6, 2021 to March 31, 2022

# Changes from Cycle 8

- Accepted proposals stay “live” for two years.
  - Mitigates confusion over resubmission of proposals for active programs that may yet be observed in current Cycle.
  - Allows for flexibility for more optimal scheduling and planning
  - Maintains richer “filler” target pool
  - Because this was not advertised on the CfP, Cy 8 (P2, P3) programs are not automatically retained for 2 years (P1s and “significantly begun” P2s are)
- Dual-Anonymous Review
  - NASA “mandated”
  - Proposers need to “anonymize” proposals, USPOT has been updated for TAC
  - TAC will see “Team”, “Previous Programs” etc., only at the end of the review, and can make “comments to SMO Director”, but not change grade
  - Blatant disregard for the making proposals “anonymous” will make the proposal “non-compliant”
  - But, we’re “all” learning, so we’ll do a gradual transition

# Changes from Cycle 8 - II

- New modes to improve observing speed and efficiency
  - FIFI-LS Total Power and On-the-Fly modes
    - FIFI-LS 'asymmetric' and 'bright object' modes have been consolidated into a single 'asymmetric' mode (with no loss of functionality)
  - GREAT “honey-comb” On-the-Fly mapping mode
  - HAWC+ Band B (63 micron) filter offered as shared-risk
- Southern Deployment Instrument Plan specified
  - Long deployment: late-July to mid-September 2021 with GREAT and HAWC+
  - Short (“suitcase”) deployment: March 2022 with FIFI-LS
- Two-Step Legacy Proposal process (Pilot first, then full-blown project) is encouraged
- Joint Call for Proposals with Green Bank Observatory
- JWST Early Release Science support observations