



Director's Discretionary Time

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SOFIA Director's Time



- 7% of the SOFIA observing time is Director's Time.
- This time will be used to handle scientifically important observations that were not naturally accommodated by the annual Calls for Proposals. For example,
 - New phenomena
 - Exceptional activity in known objects
 - Proof of concept observations
 - Observations deemed in the best interest of the SOFIA observatory
- In general, DDT observations have no proprietary period.



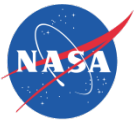


Caveats



- Availability of the required science instrument is the primary constraint for rapid response
 - Already mounted instruments have the shortest turn around time
 - Facility Class Instruments will be resident at the DAOF and have staff available to operate them
 - PI Class Instruments are dependent on the availability of the instrument and the instrument teams
- Full feasibility of a given observation will not be known until the Phase II plan is developed.





How to Apply



- Streamlined Process

- Write 2-3 page scientific justification and send it to SOFIA Director
 - eyoung@sofia.usra.edu
- Send notification email to SOFIA Helpdesk:
 - sofia_help@sofia.usra.edu
- If accepted, prepare detailed Astronomical Observation Requests

- Details at:

<http://www.sofia.usra.edu/Science/proposals/DDT/>

