

## **LCO Policies Regarding Observing Time**

### **Key Project Science:**

Collaboration members will not allocate time to smaller external projects that compete scientifically with the Key projects. The Key Projects are the flagship projects of the Science Collaboration, and duplicate observations lower the efficiency of the network for everyone. Partner Time Allocation Committees must be cognizant of the key projects that are underway and to avoid granting time to proposals that would aim to do the same science with observations of the same objects. Investigators who have joined a Key Project collaboration may certainly propose for additional time and targets. The Key Project subject areas are broad, and there is room for complementary research in all these areas. Overlap in scientific interests is inevitable between SCs, and cooperation between SCs is encouraged. Specific questions about whether a proposed project is in conflict should be directed to the LCO Director.

### **2m Telescope Time:**

Collaboration members with 0.4m and 1m guaranteed time cannot trade these hours directly for 2m time. Any special requests should be made to the Director.

### **Special Scheduling Modes:**

All proposals that request Time Critical or Rapid Response time will be technically reviewed. Science collaboration members should send copies of proposals (in English) that request TC/RR time to LCO. The proposals must explicitly justify the need for TC/RR time. LCO will work with the PIs to make any changes to the queue/TC/RR allocations if it is determined that the science can be done with less restrictive scheduling modes. Proposals lacking justification will automatically get standard mode observations.

**Director's Discretionary Time:** LCO endeavors to not award Director's Discretionary time programs that overlap directly with existing programs.

**Proprietary Periods:** All science programs have a nominal one-year proprietary period before the data become publicly available in the archive. In extraordinary circumstances, the LCO Director can shorten or remove the proprietary period for a specific data set.