

James Webb Space Telescope Advisory Committee (JSTAC)

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The Science and Operations Center for JWST, the Space Telescope Science Institute is appointing a JWST Advisory Committee. The committee is charged with advising the STScI Director on the optimum strategies and priorities, consistent with NASA policy and international agreements, for the operations of the James Webb Space Telescope in order to maximize its scientific productivity. The JSTAC is appointed by the STScI Director and includes members representing the US, European, and Canadian astronomical communities.

The areas that the JSTAC will advise on include:

- Capabilities at launch to maximize science return, including archive, data analysis tools, and observing modes
- Prioritization of the capabilities offered at launch
- Observing time allocation strategies, including the balance between large and small programs
- The readiness status of the JWST Science and Operation Center
- Policy implementation, including items such as resolution of conflicts, and availability, timing and level of support of observing modes for GO and GTO observers.

It is anticipated that the JSTAC will meet twice a year. The JSTAC will report to the STScI Director. It is expected that its findings and recommendations, and the STScI Director's response, will be made available to the Agencies and the community.