

# Plans for the C26 Delta TAC

# Motivation

- HST TAC has been meeting in June in recent cycles
- Conflicts in June 2018:
  - JWST Cycle 1 TAC will meet in June 2018
  - Chandra Cycle 20 TAC will meet in June 2018
  - ALMA Cycle 6 TAC will meet in June 2018
- **Revised schedule and structure for the HST Cycle 26 Delta TAC**

# Cycle 26 - Schedule

- **May 1, 2018: release of HST Cycle 26 Call for Proposals**
- **August 1, 2018: HST Phase 1 submission deadline**
- **October 8, 2018: the HST Cycle 26 Delta TAC will meet**

# Cycle 26 Delta TAC Proposal Categories

- The Cycle 25 HST TAC pre-allocated approximately 1200 orbits of Small GO programs for Cycle 26.
- The Cycle 26 Call for Proposals will **not** provide an opportunity to submit Small GO, Regular Archival, Theory or Snapshot proposals.
- The Cycle 26 Delta TAC will review Medium, Large, Treasury, AR Legacy, as well as Joint HST- Chandra/XMM/NRAO/NOAO proposals. Joint proposals may be of any size.

# Cycle 26 Delta TAC Structure

- As there will be no opportunity to submit Small proposals, we expect a higher number of Large, Treasury and Medium proposals
- Our expectation is to receive about **200 proposals**.
- The TAC will be divided into **four** sub-panels:
  - Solar System and Exoplanets (1)
  - Stellar Physics and Populations (1)
  - Galaxies, IGM, Black Holes, Cosmology (2)
- Orbit allocations are according to proposal pressure. We expect to have about **2100 orbits** available.
- Each panel will have a Chair, and there will be an overall TAC Chair to oversee the process.

# Cycle 27 and Beyond

- We will return to the regular 1-yr cycle for the HST TAC in Cycle 27 and beyond, together with mid-cycle opportunities.
- All proposal categories offered in Cycle 25 will be available and reviewed by panels (Small, Medium, AR) and the TAC (Large, Treasury, AR Legacy).
- We are considering “hybrid” panels:
  - External panelists review and grade the proposals
  - Each proposal will have four external reviews
  - The external reviews and grades will be used for a rank-ordered list
  - Each panel will have three on-site panelists, incl. a Chair, who review the rank-ordered list and adjust for balance, bias, etc.
- These changes apply only to the panels (Small/Medium proposals). The TAC (Large/Treasury) will function as in Cycle 25.