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Grants Status Update

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on behalf of the STScI Science Policies Group and GRA

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JWST Cycle 2 Grants Breakdown

- The Cycle 2 FRC process was able to bring the total requested GO funding below the \$60M cap with comfortable margin for DDs and joint programs
- Eight grants eligible DDT proposals have been accepted in Cycle 2
 - 3 were within the the \$50k allocation (as described in previous JSTUC presentations)
 - 3 exceeded \$50k and elected a FRC review
 - 2 opted not to receive funding
- STScI hosted one JWST interim FRC to review budgets for joint and DD programs on February 29, 2024.
 - 14 programs were reviewed (11 joint proposals + 3 DDs)



What to expect for Cycle 3 Grants

Date	
February 29, 2024	Release of Science Program
March 7, 2024	Budget Notification Letters Distributed
March 20, 2024	JWST Cycle 3 Grants Webinar
April 11, 2024	JWST Cycle 3 Budget Deadline
June 3-6, 2024	JWST Cycle 3 Financial Review Committee
Mid-July	Program Approved Notifications Distributed

- NASA anticipates allocating **\$60M** for JWST grants in Cycle 3.
 - Survey programs are recommended not to exceed \$200k (up from \$125k in Cycle 2)
 - Pure parallel programs are recommended not to exceed at \$500k (up from \$400k)
- JWST Cycle 3 will follow a FRC budget review process



Grants and budgets resources

- The Call for Proposals
<https://jwst-docs.stsci.edu/jwst-opportunities-and-policies/jwst-call-for-proposals-for-cycle-3/jwst-grant-funding-and-budget-submissions>
- The Budget Proposer Guide
<https://www.stsci.edu/scientific-community/grants-administration/stsci-budget-proposer-guide>
- STScI General Grant Provisions
<https://www.stsci.edu/scientific-community/grants-administration>
- **Grants will run an informational webinar on March 20, 2024 from 3:00-4:30pm**



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JWST Grants Allocation Working Group Progress Report

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Chair, JWST Grants Working Group

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JWST Grants Allocation Working Group

- At the request of the JSTUC and in cooperation with the JWST project, STScI has created a working group designed to study the best way to allocate funding for JWST
 - **Chair: Ata Sarajedini** (Florida Atlantic University)
Katey Alatalo (STScI, ex officio), **Susan Neff** (GSFC, ex officio), **Paula Sessa** (STScI Grants), **Neill Reid** (STScI AD for Science)
 - Membership: **Rupali Chandar** (U. Toledo), **Philip Choi** (Pomona College), **Tuan Do** (UCLA), **Rose Finn** (Siena College), **Jamie Kennea** (Penn State, *Swift*), **Dale Kocevski** (Colby College), **Lauranne Lanz** (The College of New Jersey), **Daniel Milisavljevic** (Purdue), **Rodolfo Montez** (*Chandra*), and **Casey Papovich** (Texas A&M, JSTUC Member)
 - The charge: <https://outerspace.stsci.edu/x/8lCdDQ>




JWST Grants Allocation Working Group Charge

- Identify the key principles that should underlie JWST grant funding allocations for the US community
- Codify the advantages and disadvantages of an FRC-style review and of a formulaic budget-allocation process
- Identify the impacts to equity of the current process, and of a formulaic approach, across community demographics, including career stage, type of institution, and DEIA categories
- Determine what factors could be included within a formulaic approach, including the possibility of appealing a budget decision allocation
- Develop specific examples of formulae
- Identify improvements that could be made to the current FRC process, if the committee recommends keeping it
- Provide a consensus recommendation on the preferred grant-allocation process



Progress So Far

- Starting January 24, 2024, we have had 4 bi-weekly online meetings.
- Goal is to finalize the WG report by June 30, 2024, to present to STScI, the JWST Project at GSFC, and the J-STUC
- Draft so far is the result of brainstorming sessions and it is all subject to change so I would rather not share details of ideas that have been suggested so far.



Questions? Comments?
