



CSA Perspective

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Update on CSA activities

- CSA grant funding
 - Allocation of Cycle 4 grants is nearly complete
 - This was the most popular cycle so far!
 - Planning for Cycle 5 grants, with the goal of better aligning with STScI's announcement of Cycle 5 results.
 - Preparation for mission extension, including renewal of JWST grants program.
- CSA staffing at STScI
 - Selection process for the 4th CSA astronomer is nearing completion.
- Engineering support for FGS and NIRISS
 - Ongoing contract with Honeywell (Ottawa office).
 - Support includes maintenance, troubleshooting and improvements (e.g., guiding in bright crowded fields, FSW verification & testing).
 - First phase of contract end this fiscal year (March 31, 2026), but options years will be activated.

Community News and Outreach

- [CASCA annual conference](#) (Halifax, NS June 2-5, 2025)
 - Hosted a successful JWST Town Hall meeting
 - Planning a similar activity for the next CASCA conference (Universite de Montreal)
- Mid-term Review of the CASCA Long Range Plan (LRP)
 - Published review expresses strong support for JWST

