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JSTUC Meeting - Fall 2025

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Updates, Farewells and Welcomes!

- New Vice Chair:
 - **Leigh Fletcher** (University of Leicester)
- Farewell and thank you:
 - **Catherine Espaillet** (Boston University)
 - **Adam Ginsburg** (University of Florida)
 - **Casey Papovich** (Texas A&M University)
 - **Erik Rosolowsky** (University of Alberta)
- Welcome:
 - **Daniella Bardalez Gagliuffi** (Amherst College)
 - **Eiichi Egami** (University of Arizona)



JW5 Deadline Extension

- Hot off the presses!
- Extension was for 2 weeks after the shutdown ended — set for Wednesday November 26 at 5pm ET
- 24 requests: 20 approved, 4 denied
- Of the 20 approved:
 - 4 withdrew
 - 16 submitted
- As this is very recent, the **Cycle 5 submission stats** (Moro-Martín) have not been updated with this new information.



Your Requests

- *Oversubscription and the growing scale of the proposal+review process.*
 - **Scaling the TAC (Watkins)**
- *20% completion rate for Survey programs*
 - **Science Operations Center (Brown) & Planning and Scheduling (Logue)**
- *Breakdown of proposal submission as a function of career stage*
 - **Unfortunately we can't do this well. We cannot ask for demographic information alongside proposals as it is protected information. We do ask for this information in the user survey, but cannot attach survey responses to individual proposals. Also, we cannot require proposers to fill out the survey, so the statistics are incomplete and likely biased.**



Items from previous meetings

- **Feedback from the FRC for the funding formula:**
 - **Grants Allocation & FRC** (López-Morales)
- **JSTUC JWebinars:**
 - **Thank you all for getting involved!**
- **Stress-testing the ETC & not-requiring an ETC workbook ID:**
 - Pleased to report the ETC worked well for this deadline! The CP highlighted that an ETC workbook ID is optional, not required.
- **Community ToOs & Long-Term Monitoring WG Report:**
 - **Community ToOs and LTM WG Update** (López-Morales)
- **Pure Parallels:**
 - We have update the CP and review documentation to make it clear that zero-prime-hour proposals must be above the 1N line to be recommended for acceptance.
- **Coordinated Parallels:**
 - Previously, the science goals for coordinated parallels were required to align closely with the prime science program. Starting Cycle 5, coordinated observations may be proposed to advance goals that complement or enhance the prime science.
- **Concerns about the number of unconflicted reviewers on some discussion panels:**
 - We checked panels where concerns were raised and found that the numbers did not support the anecdotal reports.



Thank you for your service!

**We're looking forward to a great meeting and
welcome your thoughts and feedback.**