

Handling of Director's Discretionary Time (DDT) Proposals in the Beyond Mission Phase

Spitzer is executing the "Beyond" phase of the mission – the final 2.5 years. The Beyond phase of the mission is funded through March 2019. The Cycle-14 call for proposals, issued simultaneously with these updated DDT guidelines, is the final Spitzer proposal call.

Discretionary Time (DDT) proposals should only be submitted to support time-critical, high-impact science that could not be proposed for Cycle-14. Observations that could reasonably have been proposed, including generic targets, by 16 March 2018 will not qualify as time critical observations and will not be considered for DDT approval after 16 March 2018.

1. DDT proposals may be submitted through February 2019. Investigators should not utilize DDT to resubmit all or part of a proposal that was rejected by the normal peer review process.
2. The default proprietary period for all DDT programs is zero days but a maximum 90-day proprietary period can be proposed.
3. DDT requests must include:
 - a. A justification for why the proposal was not submitted in Cycle-14.
 - b. A justification of the time criticality.
 - c. A strong scientific justification.
 - d. A description of the long-term legacy value of the program.
 - e. Completed Astronomical Observation Requests (AORs) or sample AORs if the proposal includes generic targets or ToOs.
4. The proposal must be submitted using the latest DDT proposal template and follow the page limits and other instructions in the DDT proposal guidelines available on the Proposal Kit webpage (<http://ssc.spitzer.caltech.edu/warmmission/propkit/>).

The proposal must be submitted through the DDT web form (not Spot) at

<https://catcopy.ipac.caltech.edu/ddt/proposal.php>.

Please consult the Proposal Kit webpage (<http://ssc.spitzer.caltech.edu/warmmission/propkit/>) for more information and direct any questions to the Helpdesk (help@spitzer.caltech.edu).