

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

Spitzer is executing the "Beyond" phase of the mission – the final 3+ years. **The Beyond phase of the mission is now funded through November 2019.** The Cycle-14 Call for Proposals is the final Spitzer proposal call.

Discretionary Time (DDT) proposals should only be submitted for new, high-impact science that could not be proposed for Cycle-14.

1. DDT proposals may be submitted at any time through October 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 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).
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/>).
5. 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).