



## **IUCAA Girawali Observatory Call for Proposals Cycle 2014B: October 2014 to January 2015**

***PROPOSALS ARE INVITED FOR THE 2014B CYCLE (Oct. 2014 – Jan. 2015). THE DEADLINE FOR THE RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS IS July 15, 2014.***

The IUCAA Girawali Observatory (IGO) operates a 2-m optical and near-infrared telescope at Girawali, which is located near Junnar (Maharashtra) at an altitude of about 1000 m. The main instrument available for observations is IFOSC, which can be used in imaging, spectroscopic and polarimetric modes. In addition, a CCD camera, PI-CCD, which provides better spatial sampling over a smaller field of view, is also available on one of the side ports. Further details on the telescope and the instrumentation (including an exposure time calculator) can be found at

<http://www.iucaa.ernet.in/~itp/>

The IGO Time Allocation Committee (IGO-TAC) is responsible for allocation of approximately 60% of the available time. Director's discretionary time, as well as time for target of opportunity observations, training programmes, observatory projects, maintenance and compensation will constitute the remaining 40% of the time. The guidelines given to the IGO-TAC require it to divide the available time roughly evenly between proposals with IUCAA PIs, proposals with PIs from Indian universities, and proposals with PIs from other research institutions. In making its decisions, the IGO-TAC will use inputs from external referees (on the scientific content), as well as inputs from IGO staff (on the technical feasibility) of the proposals. The IGO-TAC currently consists of **D.K.Ojha (TIFR, Chair), G.C. Anupama (IIA), P. Vivekanand Rao (OU, Hyderabad), A.N. Ramaprakash (IUCAA) and Ranjan Gupta (IUCAA, Convener).**

Given the large number of users that the IGO tries to cater to, it is difficult for the IGO-TAC to support long term programmes that require a substantial fraction of the available dark nights.

*Target of Opportunity (ToO) proposals which ask for a fixed quantum of time, but for which the scheduling needs to be done dynamically, should also be submitted at this time. Scheduling of ToO proposals is subject to several practical constraints, please see the IGO home page for details.*

***The proposals should be submitted online using the IGO Archive and Proposal Management System available at the following URL:***

<https://igo.iucaa.ernet.in:9696/igo>

***The proposers need to register themselves before the proposal can be filled-in and submitted.***

Hardcopies are strongly discouraged and will be accepted only under exceptional circumstances (for hardcopies of the proposal submission form and instructions, please contact [itp@iucaa.ernet.in](mailto:itp@iucaa.ernet.in)). For clarifications regarding any technical issues please contact [vmohan@iucaa.ernet.in](mailto:vmohan@iucaa.ernet.in).

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