

# 获取国际望远镜观测时间计划（TAP）

## 2026B 观测申请征集

### Telescope Access Program

### Call for Proposals Semester 2026B

**提交申请截止日期：2026年3月26日 23:59（中国标准时间）**

**Proposal Deadline: 26 March 2026 23:59 China Standard Time**

**Proposed Semester: 1 August 2026 to 31 January 2027**

#### TAP Overview for 2026B

The Telescope Access Program (TAP) is now open for applications. TAP is a program to give China-based astronomers direct access to competitive instrumentation on intermediate- and large-aperture optical/infrared telescopes. We estimate that the following amount of time will be available in the 2026B semester:

**Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope (3.6m, CFHT): 4-7 nights**

**Palomar Hale Telescope (5.1m, P200): 13 nights**

#### 重要提醒 Important Notes:

所有申请须在 **2026年3月26日 23:59（中国标准时间）** 之前提交至 [tap.china-vo.org](http://tap.china-vo.org) (user guide) 。 **All proposals should be uploaded to [tap.china-vo.org](http://tap.china-vo.org) (user guide) before 26 March 2026 23:59 China Standard Time.**

**CFHT proposals** should be **first** submitted through CFHT's Call for Proposal page: <https://www.cfht.hawaii.edu/en/science/Proposals/>, **then** uploaded to [tap.china-vo.org](http://tap.china-vo.org) (the official version with CFHT generated proposal numbers) before **26 March 2026 23:59 China Standard Time**（CFHT 申请书须含官网生成的 26BS 开头的正式编号）。

**CFHT nights** are converted from instrument hours as follows : 1 night = 5 hrs WIRCam/MegaCam = 6.5 hrs SITELLE = 7 hrs SPIRou = 7.5 hrs ESPaDOnS. **Please indicate both the hours and nights in your application cover sheet** (e.g. SITELLE 3.5 hrs, 0.5 nights).

**CFHT Note** that semester 2026B is the last semester during which WIRCam and SITELLE are offered.

Some users may be interested in the fact that CFHT has joined AEON (Astronomical Event Observatory Network). In 26B, PIs of accepted ToO programs on MegaCam, SPIRou, or ESPaDOnS with fixed targets will be able to submit standard ToO observations (submitted before 4 pm HST) using programmatic tools provided by AEON. For 26B, support for moving targets is not expected. This will come in a future release. Funding for CFHT/Kealahou integration with AEON is provided by the National Science Foundation (grant 2432266). For additional information, see [lco.global/aeon/](http://lco.global/aeon/).

**P200 proposals** for bright time are encouraged.

**P200 proposals** should use the latest LaTeX proposal template (v1.3.3), available here ([zip](#)). The zip package contains a blank template, a .cls file, and an example proposal. The uploaded pdf (to [tap.china-vo.org](http://tap.china-vo.org)) **should** include the **Cover Sheet** (<https://sites.astro.caltech.edu/observatories/coo/solicit/2026B/C200.html>) at the beginning of the pdf (**P200 申请书须含日期选择的官网首页 pdf**).

**P200 Note** that you should ask your institute's representative about guaranteed time allocation.

If you or your CoI have successful TAP proposals before, relevant records should be added to 'My Report' and 'My Papers' at [tap.china-vo.org](http://tap.china-vo.org). **Missing report may affect your proposal's final evaluation.**

**Near-infrared observations should request bright time.** Any request for dark or gray time for near-infrared observations may cause the proposal to be rejected unless the request is justified explicitly with clear exposure time comparisons.

**Please check the available instruments on the telescope sites before applying!** Some instruments may not be available in the upcoming semester.

**P200-CWI** is a PI instrument and you will need to attach the PI's approval along with your proposal to be fully considered.

If scheduling a time constrained proposal (e.g., exoplanet transit), it is good to check with the observatory if the instrument being requested can be scheduled at that time.

**The TAC will expect to see updates on any previously approved TAP programs. Please include such updates in the proposal, if applicable. Any proposals that do not list the current status of previous allocations to investigators will be penalized.**

**Please read the full instructions before submission.**

## **Time Allocation Policy**

Starting 2020A, TAP is employing a new time allocation policy, listed as follows:

- 90% of the time equivalent to the total funding will be allocated among member institutes: CAMS, PKU, THU, USTC, WLU.
- The remaining 10% of the total time are open to all Chinese-based institutes.

## **Advices for writing proposals**

Please avoid these common mistakes in your proposals:

- No justification for the proposed instrument.
- No justification for lunar phase. In particular, any IR programs requesting time other than bright time **must justify very clearly** why.
- No justification for requested image quality/seeing for CFHT queue programs
- No justification for depth and signal-to-noise required for the science. It is **not** sufficient to simply say, "We require 2300s exposure time to reach S/N=10 for g=24 mag" if g=24 and S/N=10 are not also justified.
- No justification for sample size or survey area. Why does the program need 66 galaxies? Why not 50? Why not 20?
- What **specific** science question(s) will be answered by the program?
- No mention of the current status of the field, work done by others, or **why the proposal would be a significant advancement over what has already been done.**
- **Do not exceed the page limits**, or put information in the wrong sections of the proposal in order to circumvent page limits.
- Please include an update on all programs where the investigators have received TAP time.

Any proposals that makes the above mistakes will have a much lower chance of being accepted.