

WIYN Observatory Target of Opportunity Observations  
Summary for Scheduled Observers who are Approached with a ToO Request  
WIYN Science Steering Committee  
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The WIYN Science Steering Committee's Target of Opportunity (ToO) document details a variety of situations. This summary is directed at the holders of scheduled observing time (referred to as "you" below), which are: the scheduled observer for university partner time; the scheduled observer, subject to guidance from NN-EXPLORE management<sup>1</sup>, for NOAO classically scheduled time; NN-EXPLORE management for NEID queue time (including any university partner time that may be part of the NEID queue). You are encouraged to read the main document, which contains more details about the ToO execution process than are presented here.

The general approach to ToO observations is one of voluntary cooperation by the holder of the scheduled observing time that will be interrupted by a ToO. This means that typically you have the right to refuse a ToO request. **Note that a WIYN partner may decide to compel ToO observations but only during their own scheduled telescope time and as long as this does not unduly impact WIYN operations, personnel demands, or another partner's scheduled observations.**

While not required, you may be offered compensation for the observing time and effort needed to execute the ToO. Compensation includes: scientific acknowledgement in publications, including potentially co-authorship; and observing time. When feasible, the ToO request, including any offer of compensation, should be communicated to you by WIYN personnel on behalf of the requestor. However, you may be contacted directly by those requesting ToO data in the event of a time-critical need, including unplanned ToOs. If you are a student, your advisor should be included in these discussions, and you have the right to consult with your advisor before agreeing to any ToO observation. Any compensatory observing time will go to the WIYN partner that granted your time, to be used in a future semester. You should address questions to and make arrangements with your TAC regarding the disposition of any transferred telescope time.

The main ToO document contains information on other important topics, including:

- Proprietary information received as part of a ToO request.
- Multiple requests by different teams for equivalent ToO observations.
- Who may execute the ToO observations and under what circumstances.
- What to do if you want to request your own ToO observations.

Please read it.

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<sup>1</sup> Contact the Head of WIYN Operations, the Executive Director, and / or the WIYN Operations Coordinator for details. See [www.wiyn.org/contactus.html](http://www.wiyn.org/contactus.html).