Advanced Photon Source: Beamtime Allocation System

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Beamtime Allocation System

- Proposal Submitted
 - 3 calls per year (March, July, October/November)
 - Proposal active for 6 cycles or until PRP recommended shifts expire
- Proposal Review Panels Meet
 - 2 Reviews per proposal
 - Score and Shifts Assigned
- Beamtime Allocation Committees Meet
 - Allocate Based on Score and Shifts Available
- Notifications sent to Spokesperson



General User and Partner User Proposals

	GUPS Submitted	GUPS Allocated	PUPS Submitted	PUPS Allocated
FY 2009	1606	814	13	10
FY 2010	1675	902	15	9
FY 2011	1848	1019	10	8
FY 2012	2076	1119	13	11
% Increase	29%			(25 active PUPs)
	CAT Staff Proposals	CAT Member Proposals	APS Staff Proposals	
FY 2010	20	111	46	
FY 2011	22	157	136	
FY 2012	47	490	116	



Review and Allocation Schedule

June 18, 2013

APS Run Cycle 2013-3

Total User Shifts in Run:	193
Operations Allowance (8%):	15
General User Baseline:	178
20%	36
25%	44
50%	89
75%	134
80%	142

Date	Day	Action	
July 12, 2013	Friday	Proposals due for 2013-3 Run Cycle	
July 30, 2013	Tuesday	Proposal Review Panels Meet	
August 2, 2013	Friday	MX PRP to finalize reviews and to make	
		recommendations on project status requests	
August 2, 2013	Friday	PRP scores/comments available to Beamline	
		Administrators	
August 2, 2013	Friday	Prospective project status proposals (PRP-	
		recommended) sent out for beamline comment	
August 2, 2013	Friday	Prospective project status proposals posted for	
		SAC subcommittee review	
August 5, 2013	Monday	Aging Process Run	
August 6, 2013	Tuesday	Beamline input on project status proposals	
		due to User Office	
August 7, 2013	Wednesday	SAC Subcommittee to make decisions on PUPs	
		and project-status GUPs	
August 9, 2013	Friday	Last day to request changes to total GUP % or	
		Rapid Access %	
August 9, 2013	Friday	Beamline Administrator comments on PRP-	
		recommended proposals due	
August 9, 2013	Friday	NUF claims completed in GUP system	
August 12, 2013	Monday	Project Proposal e-mails to users and beamlines	
August 13, 2013	Tuesday	Beamtime Allocation Committees meet	
August 16, 2013	Friday	Draft allocations to all beamlines	
August 22, 2013	Thursday	Beamline concurrence or comments on draft	
		allocations	
Week of August 26,	~Wednesday	Notices go out to users	
2013			
Week of September 2,	~Wednesday	Expiration process run	
2013			

Next Run

Run	Proposals	PRPs	BAC	Notifications	Run Begins
	Due			(approx.)	
2013-3	Friday,	Tuesday,	Tuesday,	~Week of	~Sept, 2013
	07/12/2013	07/30/2013	08/13/2013	08/26/2013	



GUP Questions

- I missed the deadline, what can I do?
 - We change rapid access proposals to regular the day after the deadline
- I left out an important part of my proposal. Now what?
 - We can add it before the review panels meet.
- How do I do a new proposal so that I can get time next cycle?
 - Usually encourage PI to do a BTR to take advantage of aging process.
- The beamline I want does not show up on the BTR.
 - Make sure that they answered the questions on first page correctly.
- I can't get my CAT Staff time into the scheduling system for previous cycle.
 - Enter it for them
- I am trying to review this proposal, but it is the same as a previous one (PRP).
 - Contact the PI, tell them that they should have done a BTR on the old proposal.
 - Do it for them and then deactivate the new proposal.



Proposal Review Panels

- Non-Protein Crystallography Reviews
 - 67 Reviewers Meet in Panels at APS
 - FY 2012 Reviewed Over 1800 Proposals
- Protein Crystallography Reviews
 - Over 200 Remote Reviewers
 - FY 2012 Reviewed Over 230 Proposals
- Powder Diffraction Reviews
 - 25 Remote Reviewers
 - FY 2012 Reviewed Over 150 Proposals



Non-PX Proposal Review Panels

Panel	Panel Members	No. Proposals (New and RA)	Project Status Proposals	PUPs to review
Imaging/Microbeam	9	103	1	1
Applied Materials	6	51	0	0
Condensed Matter	9	76	1	1
SAXS	6	74	2	0
Spectroscopy	9	100	0	0
High-Pressure	10	76	0	0
Chem/Biol/Environ	6	56	1	1
Instrumentation	3	7	0	0
Structural Science	8	58	0	0



Beamtime Allocation Committees

- Non-Protein Crystallography
 - 4 Members Meet Together at APS
 - FY 2012 Considered Over 3000 BTRS
 - FY 2012 Allocated over 1500

- Protein Crystallography
 - 3 Members Meet by Phone
 - FY 2012 Allocated 25 BTRS



Recent Developments

- Created new PRP for Structural Science
 - All Structural Science Proposals are now reviewed by same group
 - 8 members
- Created new PRP for 11-BM Mail-In Powder Diffraction Proposals
 - Currently has 27 reviewers
 - In first year reviewed 126 Proposals
- First Advanced Test Reactor Experiments
 - Ran on 1-ID in 2013-1. APS safety personnel worked alongside ATR and proposal spokespersons to coordinate
- First Multi-Facility Proposal
 - Ran in 2013-1 at CNM and 8-ID
 - Have had 4 users submit rationale for multi-facility proposals. Only one has followed with actual proposals.

