

GBT Extra-Large Proposal Observing Blackout Policy

Extra-Large proposals are defined as any proposal requesting more than 1000 hours of observing time and typically running over multiple semesters.

Extra-Large proposals require a significant scheduling commitment for the Green Bank Observatory (GBO). These proposals can strongly influence the ability to schedule other projects on the GBT. In order to maintain a fair and balanced environment for all projects that are dynamically scheduled on the GBT, Extra-Large proposals must be able to observe any time they can be scheduled. This means that while individual observers can take advantage of the blackout dates, Extra-Large proposals will not be allowed to blackout any time when observations can be scheduled.

The GBO is willing to work with projects to develop alternatives that may include operator run observing or service observing if the observing process is straightforward.