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The ESO Call for Proposals is, from P117 issued once a year: Yearly Cycle (YC). The duration of P117 is 12 months (1 May 2026 - 30 April 2027). The P117 Yearly Call will remain open for about four weeks.

To address the increased duty cycle resulting from the change to the YC, a [Fast Track Channel \(FTC\)](#) with staggered deadlines throughout the year will be introduced during P117.

You can find the precise date of the latest Call for Proposal at the [ESO Phase 1 page](#).

Proposals must be submitted by the respective deadline (end of September for the YC) using the [Web-based p1 interface](#) accessible at [www.eso.org/p1](http://www.eso.org/p1). Accessing p1 requires a ESO User Portal account. You can find more info about the ESO User Portal in [this article](#) and at the [ESO User Portal page](#).

Up to 5% of the general observing time may be used for Director's Discretionary Time Proposals (DDT proposals). For detailed information about DDT proposals, see the separate [DDT Proposal page](#). As of 1 April, 2019, proposals must be submitted via the same Web-based p1 interface mentioned above (instructions can be found [here](#)).

For sudden astronomical events that require urgent or immediate observations, detailed requests can be submitted via the DDT channel. A detailed description of ESO's Target of Opportunity (ToO) policy is given in a [separate document](#). Please read it carefully before submitting any ToO request.

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