

The CfA Web-Based Telescope Time Proposal System

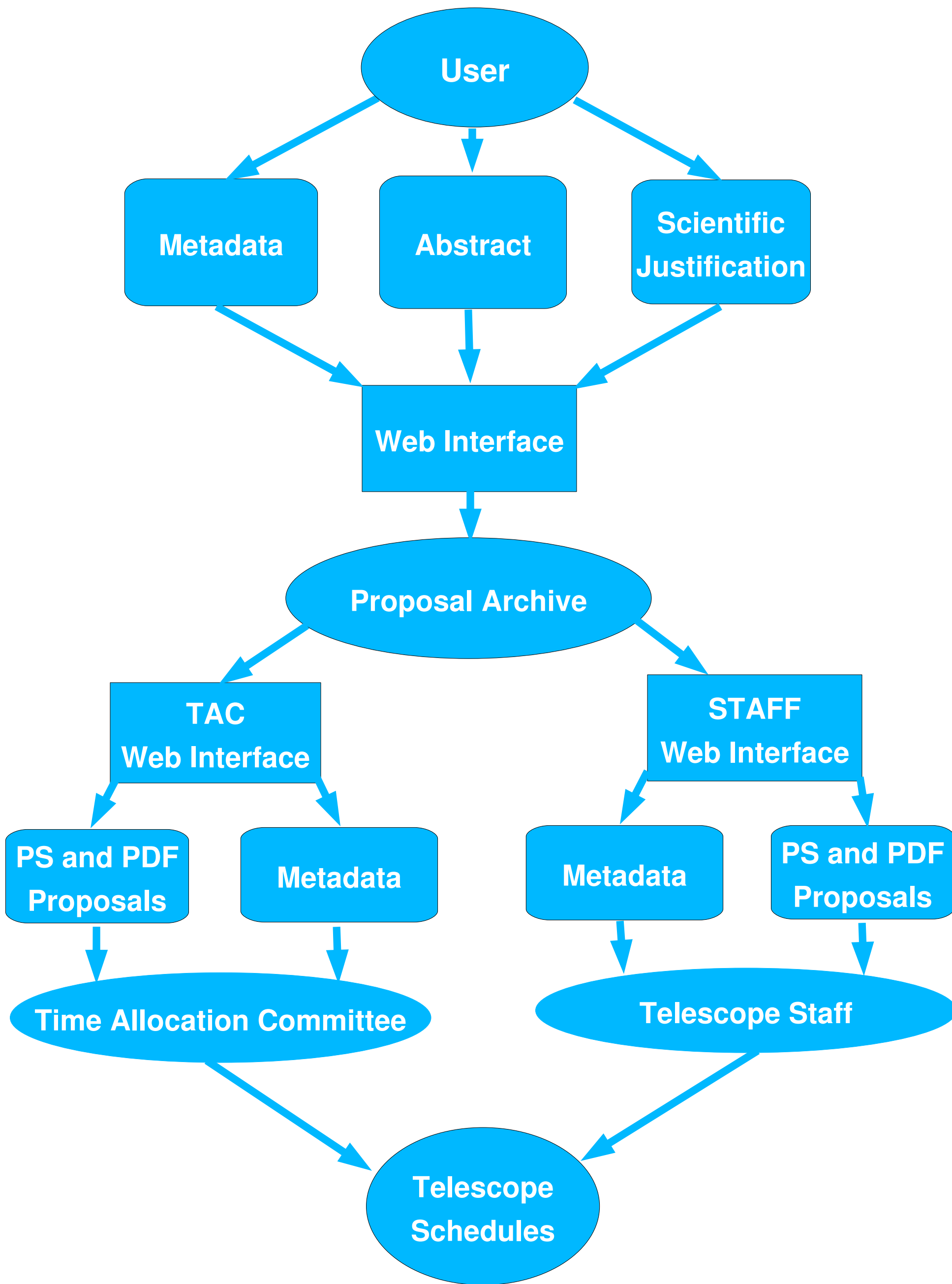
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Login page with information about the process and links to help.

Help page with directions and links for three user inputs

User options include editing current proposals or copying or viewing old proposals. Proposals may be edited up to the deadline; there is no “Submit” button.



The Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory's web-based telescope proposal processing system interactively processes proposals by CfA users of the MMT, FLWO 1.2-, 1.3-, and 1.5-meter telescopes, and the Magellan telescopes into a standardized form. This system is based on one from NOAO, with the addition of more interactivity and feedback. Proposals are saved so that information does not have to be re-entered for long-term projects, and a single login per user instead of per project makes life easier for scientists with multiple observing projects. Proposals are grouped by instrument and telescope and presented to the the telescope Time Allocation Committee (TAC) both online and as hard-copies. Web pages are generated for each of the TAC members to enter their grades online. Software normalizes the grades and averages them into a final grade for each proposal. The grades are given to the TAC, which then meets and allocates the trimester's (semester's for Magellan) observing time according to these grades.

Proposal	PI	Proposal Title	Dark	Gray	Bright
gmuench2005c1	August Muench	Optical Imaging of Cepheus Spitzer Galactic FLS Regions	4	0	0
dliatham2005c3	David W. Latham	Kepler Input Catalog Photometric Survey	20	20	20
falco2005c2	Emilio E. Falco	Exploring the Continuum Regions of Quasars via Microlensing	1.5	1.5	1.5
jgreen2005c1	Jenny E. Greene	A Search for Variability in Intermediate Mass Black Holes	0	1	0
mhicken2005c1	Kirshner R. P.	Supernova Photometry	8+3	3+2	6+3
mtorres2005c5	Manuel Torres	Time-resolved Photometry of the CVs of the HQS, SDSS and IPHAS surveys	0	10	0
mtorres2005c2	Manuel Torres	ToO Proposal for New Black Hole X-ray Novae	0	1	0
zhao2005c1	Ping Zhao	Monitor the Light Curves of Black Hole X-ray Novae	1	0	0
swolk2005c1	Scott J. Wolk	INTERMEDIATE AGE CLUSTERS AND ANCHORS PROJECT PHOTOMETRY	7	0	0
tsphar2005c1	Timothy Spahr	Astrometric and photometric follow-up of faint NEOs	0	16	0
tweekes2005c1	Trevor Weekes	TeV Blazar Variability	12	0	0

Proposal	PI	Proposal Title	Dark	Gray	Bright
dliatham2005c1	David W. Latham	G Dwarf Binary Survey	0	0	28
dliatham2005c2	David W. Latham	Transiting Planet Candidate Follow-Up	0	0	12
gtorres2005c3	Guillermo Torres	Accurate masses for giants	0	0	1
gtorres2005c2	Guillermo Torres	Accurate masses for selected double-lined eclipsing binaries	0	0	6
gtorres2005c1	Guillermo Torres	Peculiar Algols	0	0	1

Staff access to proposals and metadata

Cover page metadata to be turned into TeX

Abstract may be typed or pasted in and uploaded

Proposal metadata, abstract, and status of scientific justification confirm completion of a proposal



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