



Dear Colleagues,

We invite proposals for access to the Vulcan and Astra TA2 and Gemini target areas for the period April 2012 - November 2012.

The deadline for submissions will be Friday, 25th November 2011.

Please contact the User Office ([clf@stfc.ac.uk](mailto:clf@stfc.ac.uk)) or Nicola Booth ([nicola.booth@stfc.ac.uk](mailto:nicola.booth@stfc.ac.uk)) if you have any difficulty during the submission process

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#### Instructions for submitting proposals

All the proposals should be submitted electronically at the following website.

<http://proposal.isis.rl.ac.uk/home/>

If you have not used the CLF online proposal system before then you will need to register by clicking on the New Facility User button and then use your e-mail address as the Login Identifier. It is important that you provide full and accurate address details to facilitate future communications with yourself and your co-investigators. If you have already registered then please check and update your information as necessary.

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Please find attached the specifications of different target areas.

As per the consultation with you last week, we are likely to field 5 week experiments in Vulcan and Gemini instead of the usual six week slots. We therefore ask you tailor the proposals such that the objectives that can be achieved in a 5 week period is separately indicated. Please also identify respective objectives in case you need longer or shorter slots so that the access panel can judge the science case appropriately.

In order to facilitate more efficient and cost-effective experiments in the CLF, we are closely managing the number of personnel present during experiments. We would also recommend that experimenters are present for a minimum of at least two weeks to become familiar with operations and experiments. If your proposal is scheduled, CLF link scientists will contact you well in advance to facilitate the efficient organisation and planning of your campaign and the booking of all travel and accommodation. We thank you for your co-operation.

Please be aware that a publication history from your previous experiments at the CLF will be available for the facility access panel. Once you submit a proposal, the CLF user office will contact you for those publications that are not on our records, which arise from your previous experiments here as a PI or Co-I.

We encourage you contact an appropriate CLF staff member to discuss your requirements (targets, laser configuration etc.) prior to submission. In particular, any non-standard configurations or technical requirements should be discussed with the appropriate facility staff (see below) prior to submission. To enable us to provide a technical feedback to the access panel, please make sure that you provide as many experimental details as possible in the proposals.

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Please forward this call to anyone whom you feel might be interested.



