Learn more about instrument capabilities at: https://www.gemini.edu/caps-instr
Expanding Flexibility
New Proposing and Observing Modes

Fast Turnaround Programs
The Fast Turnaround program accepts proposals for both telescopes. Proposals are solicited each month and reviewed by other proposers during that round. Graduate students may review proposals with a PhD PI or Co-I designated as a “mentor” PIs are notified within three weeks of the outcome, and accepted programs are observed within one to four months of initial proposal submission. This innovative mode uses up to 10% of the available observing time at each telescope. Your feedback will continue to improve our process.

Priority Visitor Observing Mode
Priority Visitor (PV) observing mode allows Band 1 PIs (or team members) to visit Gemini prepared to observe their program if the conditions are as good as (or better than) required. If not, the PI will execute other approved queue programs. Any unobserved portions of the PI’s program can then be executed within the regular queue. PV mode is the default for Band 1 Large/Long programs and may also be requested by other PIs.
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Large and Long Programs
Large and Long Programs occupy up to 20% of Gemini observing time of the participating partners (United States and Canada). These programs require significantly more time than is typically approved for a single program, or extend over two to six semesters, or both. PIs must be based in an institution of one of the participating countries, but there is no restriction on Co-Investigator affiliations.

The annual announcement of opportunity is issued late each year, with Letters of Intent due in early February and proposals due in early April, for observations to begin in the subsequent B semester.

Gemini Welcomes Visiting Instruments
Visiting Instruments expand the capabilities we offer to all users. Outstanding results have been produced by instruments such as GRACES, ‘Alopeke, Zorro, Phoenix, TEXES and IGRINS. We offer new and exciting capabilities almost every semester, so remember to check the call for proposals (available at the end of February and August each year) to see what new instruments you can use for your science, and if you have an instrument you would like to bring to Gemini, contact us at gemini-vip@gemini.edu.