



RSAP Update

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Summary

- 19 requests received:
 - most require some feedback
 - substantial effort trying to streamline the requests (for both submitters and reviewers)
- 2 new submissions:
 - UKSRC (special circumstances) - distinct from JBCA requests in previous years
 - Due to quirks in funding, the initial SKA-UKSRC request (and only this one) will be processed on a different timeline, but otherwise follow the RSAP procedure.
 - Care has been taken not to affect SKAO and JBCA (kept as a continuation project)
 - MicroBoone
- 4 activities active in the last round did not re-submit
 - Activities have either ended (PaNOSC, Solid) or are receiving computing resources elsewhere (DiRAC)



Status and Notes

- Feedback round complete, awaiting two stragglers for updated requests
 - Many thanks to the RSAP Team: Matt Doidge (Lancaster), Sophie King (King's)
- Requests will start going out for review early next week
 - Two new reviewers this year: Rosie Bolton (SKAO) and Ulla Blumenschein (QMUL)
 - Each request will be reviewed by two reviewers
 - Each reviewer will review three requests
- From this year onwards, the determination of which activities are IRIS science partners and the resource requests are decoupled.
 - Becoming an IRIS science partner is a one time process, though any grant dependencies of Science Partners will have to be updated once a year. (This does not apply to the Facilities.)
 - Review panel only concerns themselves with the actual resource requests.



Resource Requests

- Predicting future usage is hard
 - Monitoring current usage is a key component
 - All activities are now actively engaged in monitoring their usage
 - IRIS accounting dashboard is helpful
 - GPU accounting still unknown
- Long lead times in hardware procurement unfortunately require long term predictions
 - IRIS will always try to make resources available as soon as feasible
- Long term financial strategy planning even more
 - The importance of *reviewed* resource requests in securing funding should not be underestimated
- The process, while rigid, aims to be fair and supportive of *science*