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Subject: Announcement of Opportunity to submit Guest Observer proposals for observations to be performed with the JAXA/NASA/ESA X-ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission (XRISM)

Dear Colleague,

I am very pleased to invite you to respond to the 1st ESA “Announcement of Opportunity” to submit Guest Observer proposals for observations to be performed with the JAXA/NASA/ESA X-Ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission (XRISM).

This Announcement solicits proposals for observations to be carried out between July 2024 and June 2025. According to the Memorandum-of-Understanding between JAXA and ESA, not less than 8% of the Guest Observer time shall be allocated by ESA to scientists affiliated in ESA Member States. Potential proposers are expected to prepare and submit their proposal in electronic format by the deadline given below. The documentation, link to proposal submission and support software for this Announcement can be found at:

<https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/xrism>

The key milestones for this Announcement are:

Release of Announcement of Opportunity:	15 November 2023
Due date for proposals:	22 February 2024 at 12:30 hrs CET
Final approved observational program:	20 May 2024
Start of Cycle 1 GO observations:	1 July 2024

I wish you success with your proposal to use the XRISM observatory.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Carole Mundell
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