Request For Proposals for the NICI Planet Finding Campaign Addendum #2

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Purpose of RFP Addendum #2. Clarification on the policy for adding individuals to the winning NICI campaign team after the team has been selected.

We do not plan to automatically include anyone but the Gemini staff members assigned to support NICI, as described in the RFP. There may possibly be a very few others (and possibly none) added to the team later, if agreed by the PI and Gemini Director. The Gemini Board has not stipulated a requirement that all the partner countries be represented in the campaign team; nevertheless, we recognize the value of having a team that represents the partnership, and the ITAC will consider the composition of the team as one of the 10 criteria when making their recommendation. Teams are encouraged to be as representative of the Gemini partnership as practical, using the list of those that submitted Letters of Interest to help form collaborations when necessary. Gemini does not intend to combine teams to balance partner shares. We leave it up to the PIs of the proposing teams to form the teams that will be the most competitive.