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**Subject: Invitation to respond to the XRISM Guest Observers Cycle 2 Announcement of Opportunity**

Dear colleague,

I am very pleased to invite you to respond to the 2nd 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 November 2025 and May 2026. 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 proposals in electronic form by the deadline given below. The documentation, proposal submission and support software for this Announcement are available from:

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

The key milestones for this Announcement of Opportunity are:

Release of Announcement of Opportunity:	15 February 2025
Due date for proposals:	15 May 2025
Final approved observational program:	30 September 2025
Start of Cycle 2 GO observations:	1 November 2025

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

Yours sincerely,

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