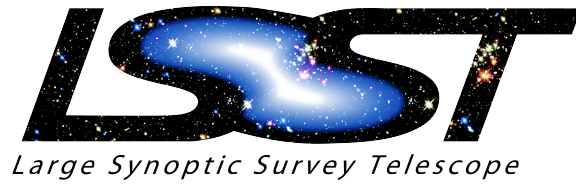


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Dear New Science Collaboration Member,

Welcome to the LSST Science Collaborations! Below is a reference guide for getting started in your collaboration. If you have questions at any point, please feel free to email the LSST Science Collaboration Coordinator, Lucianne Walkowicz: [LWalkowicz@adlerplanetarium.org](mailto:LWalkowicz@adlerplanetarium.org)

## Communication Channels

### *Community.lsst.org*

<https://community.lsst.org> is LSST's public-facing discussion and support forum. By default, Community posts under most topics are public, but the Science Collaborations have access to special forums for internal discussion.

Create an account, and email Jonathan Sick ([jsick@lsst.org](mailto:jsick@lsst.org)) with your account information and the name of your collaboration to gain access.

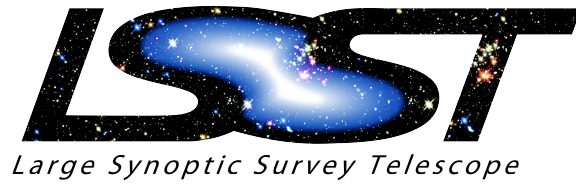
### *Slack*

Slack is LSST's real-time chat platform. It is used across the project and by the science collaborations.

The chair of your collaboration will add you to the 'lsstc' Slack team. You can access it online at <https://lsstc.slack.com>, and through Slack's mobile and desktop apps. Slack's online help is a great way to learn Slack's features.

There is a channel for general discussion amongst Science Collaboration members ([scicollab-discuss](#)), and in addition, each collaboration has their own channel for discussion. The collaboration channels are: *agn*, *desc*, *galaxies*, *milkyway*, *tns*, *solarsystem*, *stats*, and *stronglensing*.

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## Email

When you are added as a collaboration member, you will automatically be added to both the email list for your particular collaboration, and the list that goes to all collaboration members (which is used for general announcements). You cannot unsubscribe from these lists, but email traffic is generally light, as Community and Slack are the preferred means of communication.

## Important Webpages and Other Resources

The main LSST Project webpage is <http://project.lsst.org>

Most collaboration members will find everything they need in the public area of the Project webpage, but if you find you need login access, please email  
Iain Goodenow ([IGoodenow@lsst.org](mailto:IGoodenow@lsst.org))

A full list of Science Collaborations and their chairs, with links to their webpages, can be found here:

<https://www.lsstcorporation.org/science-collaborations>

The LSST Corporation occasionally makes calls for “Enabling Science” proposals, small grants that can be used to fund collaboration activities. You can see recent calls and examples of funded activities here:

<https://www.lsstcorporation.org/enabling-science>

The LSST Science Collaboration Coordinator also holds virtual “Office Hours”, generally on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. These Office Hours are held via Google Hangout, and are open for any collaboration member to “stop by”, ask questions, or discuss a topic of their choice. Be on the look out for email announcements which contain a link to join the conversation.

As Office Hours are open to all, they are not the best forum for private conversation; if you wish to speak with the Science Collaboration Coordinator individually, please feel free to email and set up a time to talk: [LWalkowicz@adlerplanetarium.org](mailto:LWalkowicz@adlerplanetarium.org)