

2010 - Astronomy Grant Round

Dear Colleagues

Given the timescale for STFC knowing its future budget in sufficient detail to allow funding decisions to be made, we do not expect to be in a position to announce the 2010 round outcomes until the latter half of January 2011.

However it has been agreed that given we are expecting to implement the new grant funding scheme from April next year, which essentially supersedes the current Standard and Rolling Grant mechanism, those proposals that will definitely NOT be funded will be notified earlier.

The aim of providing this information early is to enable at least some of the community to start looking at the options available to them under the new scheme and it should be considered as an exception to the peer review process. Nevertheless, we emphasise that all potential applicants should study the proposed scheme as it affects them.

There will remain a number of proposals that fall on the borderline for funding and unfortunately a definite decision cannot be made on these before next year.

We appreciate this is not ideal, but hope will at least help in part.