

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF FALL 1997 TARGET DATES
FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS
Division of Physics**

In order to improve the Division's management of proposals, and to allow us, where appropriate, to employ disciplinary panels in the merit review process, the Division of Physics will use target dates for proposal submissions for disciplinary research activities competing for FY 1998¹ funds.

There will be four target dates:

Wednesday, September 17 for proposals concerning:

Experimental Atomic, Molecular, Optical, and Plasma Physics

Wednesday, October 8 for proposals concerning:

**Gravitational Physics, Experiment and Theory
Nuclear Theory
Mathematical Physics**

Wednesday, October 29 for proposals concerning:

**Astrophysics Theory
Elementary Particle Theory
Special Programs and Conferences
AMOP Theory**

Wednesday, November 19 for proposals concerning:

Experimental Nuclear and Particle Physics

Proposals which miss the target dates will be handled as time permits. Priority will be given to proposals arriving on or before the above target dates. Please do not submit proposals any earlier than one month before the appropriate target date. Proposals may be submitted via mail or via FastLane. FastLane is located on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/>.

The above dates do not apply to proposals sent to the Physics Division in response to Foundation-wide solicitations such as the Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) or Research Experiences for Undergraduates sites (REU). These programs have specified target or deadline dates contained in their program announcements.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Eisenstein
Division Director
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¹Fiscal Year 1998 begins on October 1, 1997

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