

GUC Charter

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The GUC provides broad-based input from the GLAST User Community to the GLAST Project and NASA Headquarters. Its primary purpose is to ensure that interests of the Guest Investigator (GI) community are served by the GLAST Science Support Center (GSSC) and Instrument Teams in planning for and executing GLAST development and operations. Key areas that the Committee shall consider and review include: analysis software and data distribution from the GSSC, data rights and policy issues, planning for NRAs for selection and execution of GI programs, balance of resources for GI programs and support for the analysis and data distribution tools developed by the GSSC and Instrument Teams, broad dissemination of GLAST science results through Symposia, and future development of the field with a GLAST Fellows Program. The GUC shall be the primary interface between the user community and Project over its lifetime and assist the Project Scientist in preparation for future Senior Reviews of the mission during its operational phase.

Members of the GUC are chosen by the NASA HQ Program Scientist and Chair, in concurrence. Approximately 12 members from the high energy astrophysics community and external to the Project shall constitute the Committee, with staggered terms of 3 years. Members are chosen for their expertise in a broad range of fields, including Particle Physics, relevant to GLAST as well as (secondarily) distribution of institutions. The Chair shall also serve as an ex-officio member of the Science Working Group (SWG) and be the principal conduit between the GUC and SWG.

The GUC shall report to the GLAST Program Scientist at NASA HQ and Project Scientist. Minutes of the Committee meetings, as well as presentations, reports and recommendations, shall be posted on the GUC website. Agendas of meetings shall be posted well in advance of meetings to encourage input from the community at any time.