Frequently Asked Questions

If my beam time was cancelled in 2020-1, will my BTR be prioritized?
- Your proposal expiration date will be extended by one cycle and your proposal score will be aged by 0.21 if it has not yet received beam time (or has not already been aged).

Will my proposal expiration date be extended?
- Yes, if the first cycle of your proposal was 2019-3, 2020-1, or 2020-2. If the first cycle of your proposal was 2019-2 and your beam time was cancelled in 2020-1, its expiration date will also be extended.
- No, if the first cycle of your proposal was 2019-2 and you were not allocated time in 2020-1, or if you did not submit a BTR in 2020-1, or if your beam time ran in 2020-1, your proposal will expire as normal after the 2020-1 cycle.
- If the first cycle of your proposal was 2020-3 or later, your proposal expiration date will not be extended.

How will proposals be prioritized?
- Time will be allocated with priority given to the highest rated proposals that can be run remotely.

Will I be able to come onsite to do my experiment?
- At this time, NSLS-II is supporting limited remote and mail-in user operations only. No onsite users are permitted at the beamlines at this time. This includes users local to the Tri-State area (NY, NJ, CT) and Brookhaven Lab staff that are not NSLS-II staff.

What if my proposed experiment has been evaluated as not feasible due to the current conditions. Can I use the allocated time to conduct a different and simpler experiment?
- Yes, this is possible for highly rated experiments. Please discuss the experiment with the beamline scientist who will advise you whether the new experiment is feasible.

If I am conducting my experiment remotely instead of coming onsite, do I still have to submit a Safety Assessment Form (SAF)?
- Yes, users sending samples must also submit a SAF for each experiment, which you can do after your beamtime has been scheduled. List the people sending samples as “remote” or “mail-in” experimenters on the SAF.

Do I need a user appointment and training to conduct remote or mail-in experiments?
- Yes, all users participating in remote or mail-in experiments at NSLS-II must have a remote guest appointment and complete required training. New users or users with expiring appointments should register online at the BNL Guest User Visitor (GUV) website: https://www.bnl.gov/guv/. For users with active appointments, no action is necessary. Cybersecurity and the Computer Use Agreement are the only two online training modules required for remote users. See the NSLS-II User Guide for details and access to these training modules.
Can I send samples for remote data collection? If yes, how should I do this?
• If your proposal has been allocated time, and you have an approved SAF, refer to [this web page](#) about shipping samples. Please do not ship your samples until told to do so by the beamline scientist and include all samples in the SAF. It will help if you let the BL staff know you have shipped and include an expected arrival date and tracking number.

My questions were not answered here. Where should I direct my questions?
• Please send an email to [nsls2user@bnl.gov](mailto:nsls2user@bnl.gov) and we will direct your question to the appropriate person.