

Operation Rules to be considered for the “Fast Track” mode

The proposal submissions must occur exclusively through the SAU Online system (<https://sauonline.lnls.br/duo/>).

The proponent must be the principal investigator of the research group linked to an educational or research institution.

Fast-track requests will not be accepted by proponents who have a regular research proposal accepted in the current semester, in the same line of research.

Fast-track analyses for scanning electron microscopy (SEM), transmission electron microscopy (TEM), and cryogenic transmission electron microscopy (cryo-TEM) techniques may be requested. The analysis will aim to obtain images by the respective techniques.

Requests for Fast-track analyzes will be evaluated by an internal LNNano committee and the analysis will be conducted by the members of the LNNano team. The proponent is not allowed to follow the analysis.

1 (one) day will be available for the preparation and analysis of the sample (s) of the accepted proposal.

Up to 3 samples can be sent, which is not necessarily the number of samples analyzed. Difficulties in preparation or analysis may limit the number of samples that will be analyzed within the period of 1 (one) day available.

At the end of the analysis, all results obtained during the session will be provided.

The Fast-Track analysis will be carried out in two calls by month, according to the calendar below

Call	Proposals received between the days	Communication of the result set	Delivery of samples*	Delivery of results
1 ^a	1st and 15 th of each month	Until the 20th of the same month	Until the 25th of the same month	Until the 15th of the following month
2 ^a	16th and 31st of each month	Until the 5th of the following month	Until the 10th of the following month	Until the 30th of the following month

**If the samples are not delivered by the mentioned date, the analysis will be canceled. The samples can be stored at room temperature, 8 ° C or -20 ° C, if requested.*

Analysis priority:

At the end of the evaluation period of each call, the following prioritization of proposals will be obeyed for each technique provided by fast track (SEM-FIB, TEM e Cryo-TEM):

1. Analysis requested by referees of submitted articles (the evaluation must be attached with the Fast Track submission through the file upload system);
2. Complementing user measures that benefited from microscopy time in the previous semester, as long as they don't have a proposal accepted in the current semester.
3. Preliminary analysis to check the quality of samples before submitting a proposal on the SAU Online platform.

Important:

Only one proposal will be performed by each call for each technique (SEM-FIB, TEM e Cryo-TEM). A higher number of proposals may be exceptionally attended in case of internal availability.

In order to serve the largest possible number of proponents, if two or more requests are made in the same period for the same technique, the tiebreaker criterion will be as follows:

- a) Priorities order described above.
- b) A proponent who hasn't performed the Fast-track service in the current semester yet.
- c) A proponent who first submits the request on the current call.

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