

Software Engineer



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"I write software for the telescope and instruments and make sure that everything works as expected. I have a degree in Physics with a specialization in computer science."

"I worked for 10 years at CTIO before moving to Gemini to participate to the construction and commissioning on the GN and GS telescopes. I have spent pretty much my whole professional career working in observatories and I cannot imagine working in any other environment!"



Pedro Gigoux

Once per round, the Software Engineer can swap or move instruments between programs, free of action.

Instrument Engineer



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“En Gemini desarrollo proyectos tecnológicos específicos en el Grupo de Electrónica e Instrumentación.”

“De esta manera, no sólo participo en la mantención operacional del telescopio, sino también, en la planificación y puesta en marcha de nuevos conceptos.”



Vanessa Montes

Once per round, the Instrumentation Engineer can move a face up instrument from the instruments deck to a program, free of action.

International Time Allocation Committee Chair

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"The International Time Allocation Committee (ITAC) Chair is responsible for the proposals process, from publishing the general call for proposals to generating the queue of programs at both telescopes. I like what I do, and I strive to doing it well!"

"I put all my passion and energy in building the future of Gemini. I am excited about the science that will be enable by JWST and the ELTs on the study of high redshift galaxies."



Marie Lemoine-Busserolle

Once per round, the ITAC Chair can search the draw pile for a program of a Band not already in play, and pass it to a player of their choice, free of action.

Reshuffle the draw pile after.

Core Queue Coordinator



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"My job as a scientist working at Gemini is to ensure other astronomers using our telescope get the data they need for their research."

"I also study old stars, to understand what will happen to our Sun when it gets older. I also research high-energy physics and the age of the Universe. When I do research, there is no greater joy than being the first to learn or discover new things that adds to the knowledge for us all!"



Atsuko Nitta

Once per round, if there are no Band 1 programs active, the Core QC can search the draw pile for the first Band 1 program from the top, and activate it, as their action. Reshuffle the draw pile after.

Science Operation Specialist



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*"As an SOS my position consists of both day and night work. During the **night**, I am either operating the telescope (slewing, setting up on guide stars, and fixing any problems that occur) or observing (determining what programs in the Queue are suitable to run in the current conditions, checking real-time data, and logging events)."*

*"During my **project time** I am helping with the installation of the laser guide star system!"*



Christy Cunningham

Once per round, the SOS may play up to 2 time cards on a given target, or 2 target cards on 2 different active programs, as a single action.

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*"As an SOS my position consists of both day and night work. During the **day**, I am involved in science data assessment and quality control, instruments calibration, maintenance of a data pipeline, software testing, systems engineering work, and creating images for public outreach and press releases."*

"My position allows me the opportunity to be involved in many different projects, to learn new skills, and to be a part of cutting edge science and scientific breakthroughs. "



Jennifer Miller

Once per round, the SOS may play as many 1 hour cards as they want, in whichever way they want, as a single action.

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Science User Support Dep. Intern



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"I'm a 20YO undergraduate student who found an opportunity to work as an intern at the Gemini Offices in both Hilo and La Serena over the course of 8 months!"

"My job focuses on data reduction software development and testing, contributing to the Science User Support Department (SUSD). Data reduction development is important so our users receive software that is not only robust but also easy to maintain and extend."



Ivan Sharankov

The SUSD Intern plays with a 6 card hand instead of 5.

Project Support Specialist



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"I enjoy my work as a member of the Project Management Office supporting Gemini projects."

"I am a social worker and teacher by training and worked in loads of different types of non profit organizations. I love working with different personalities and have come to appreciate everyone has something to offer the organization and to each other. Being positive motivates me and hope that rubs off on everyone I work with."



Catherine Blough

The Project Support Specialist draws their hand to 5 cards at the end of their turn, rather than at the start of the next one.