

**SHOC commissioning agreement**  
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Thank you for being interested in becoming a user and tester of the new Sutherland High-speed Optical Camera (SHOC) systems! As part of the instrument commissioning process, we would like members of the astronomical community to learn to use the systems and provide feedback. The following guidelines apply. An affirmative response to this document is required in order for the instrument to be employed during commissioning.

(1) Anyone who uses the instrument must be properly trained. UCT MSc student Rocco Coppejans (rocco.coppejans@gmail.com) is the primary contact for training. Observers should not operate the instrument alone unless trained by either Rocco or explicitly granted permission by Rocco after being trained by someone who is qualified.

(2) Commissioning tasks take priority over science observations. While we appreciate that people want to use the instruments for science, the primary goal must be to complete commissioning of the instruments in order to avoid an overly extended period of instrument work.

(3) Users must provide feedback on both the scientific quality of their observations and usage of the instrument in a timely manner.

(4) Users are welcome to do anything they would like with their data. However, we request that the instrument team be given proper credit in the form of coauthorship of any publications in which the data are used. Once the instrument is commissioned, we will merely request that the both the instrument paper and the funding source be acknowledged.

(5) Please be aware that these are shared risk observations. Every effort will be made by the instrument team to provide support. However, until the instruments are commissioned we cannot guarantee their performance or specifications.