Gathering Community Feedback

Rubin Science Platform

Rubin Data Products

In-kind programs

Documentation

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Introduction to the Users Committee

The Rubin Users Committee is charged with:

1. Soliciting feedback from the community about the Rubin data products and Science Platform.
2. Recommending improvements in their twice-yearly reports to the Rubin Operations director.

Charge: rdo-051.lsst.io

Website: rubinobservatory.org/for-scientists/committees-teams/users-committee

Reports: available in the Rubin Community Forum (community.lsst.org/tag/users-committee)

Meetings: two formal meetings per year, which always start with an open community listening session

Contact: via email to RubinObs-Users-Committee@lists.lsst.org or via the Rubin Community Forum
(go to Community.lsst.org and send a direct message to the @Users-Committee group)

Feedback: use the Google form at forms.gle/km4VS2r2uYrvJ2w58

The Rubin Users Committee looks forward to hearing from the Rubin science community.

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Users Committee Report (2025B, October 27, 2025) ✏️

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Rubin Observatory Users Committee Report 2025B

The Rubin Users Committee (UC) thanks the Rubin Project members for their continued efforts in serving the users community and preparing for the beginning of the LSST.

Finding 4: In-Kind Contributions

The committee heard from the Serbian in-kind team regarding the valuable time series analysis tools and resources they have developed, but users in general are unclear about where these contributions are documented, how to access and utilize these tools, the appropriate platform for user-generated value-added products, and how to advertise community-developed tools to the broader user base. The committee understands that user-generated products are not Project deliverables but should be discoverable and usable by the community. The Project previously provided space on RSP for user-generated data products, but current guidance is unclear.

The committee recommends following up directly with the Serbian team to clarify their specific needs and feedback, establishing clear guidelines for how users can make value-added products available to the community, and creating a mechanism for advertising community-contributed tools and resources. This would both acknowledge the work done by in-kind contributors and ensure that the broader community can benefit from these efforts.

Rubin learning resources

Documentation
- **Website: rubinobservatory.org**
- Data release: dp1.lsst.io
- RSP user guides: rsp.lsst.io
- Technical docs: lsst.io

Tutorials
- step-by-step analysis demos
- executable Jupyter Notebooks

Events
- weekly virtual assemblies
- annual virtual data academy
- annual community workshop
- custom seminars by request

In-kind documentation

In-kind resources

In-kind programs FAQs

This page contains a range of resources pertaining to the in-kind program: Documents, Viewing Contributions, Reporting (including work planning, quarterly updates, annual evaluation) and the In-kind Assemblies.

Documents

- RDO-031 Handbook for In-kind Contribution Proposals
  - Guidance for proposers of new, replacement or amended contributions.
- RDO-041 Manual for In-kind Contributors and Recipients
  - Go-to reference for Program Managers, Contribution Leads and Recipents working with in-kind contributions.

Viewing Contributions

- Public listing of in-kind programs and contributions
- Contribution Viewer (coming soon!)
- Program viewer (dynamic version coming soon), most Program Leads and Program Managers have received a summary of the status of their program.
- Recipient viewers have been shared with most of the primary contacts for each recipient.

Rubin Science Assemblies

Thursday mornings at 9:00am Pacific. (18:00 Italy)

Connection info: Rubin Science Assemblies Zoom link request form

Weekly virtual sessions on learning to use the Rubin data products, pipelines, and services, run by the Rubin Community Science team (CST). All are welcome; students are especially encouraged. New to Rubin? Drop in and let Rubin staff help you get started.

(Info here!)

Format

Alternates between tutorials and drop-in office hours, with the occasional presentation.

- **Tutorial** - A hands-on demonstration of data analysis in the Rubin Science Platform.
- **Drop-in office hour** - Get help, ask questions, or co-work with Rubin staff and attendees.
- **Presentations** - A talk, typically without a hands-on component.

Assemblies with tutorials or presentations are recorded (links below).

Schedule and recordings for 2026

- Jan 15, drop-in office hour
- **Jan 22, presentation: The Plan for Early Science in 2026**
- Jan 29, drop-in office hour
- **Feb 5, tutorial: The Babamul Broker**
- Feb 12, drop-in office hour
- **Feb 19, tutorial: The Fink Broker**
- Feb 26, drop-in office hour
- Mar 5, cancelled for staff event
- Mar 12, cancelled for staff event
- Mar 19, tutorial: TBD
- **Mar 26, tutorial: The Points of Interest Broker**

Past assemblies

2025

- Jan 09, DP0 tutorial: How to join user-uploaded tables in RSP
- Jan 23, DP0 presentation: Data Preview 0 Review: Thank You Delegates!
- Feb 06, DP0 presentation: Looking forward to Data Preview 1
- Feb 20, DP0 tutorial: How to use the Portal and Firefly's DS9-like functions
- Mar 06, DP0 tutorial: How to use the ANTARES Alert Broker
- Mar 20, DP1 prep tutorial: Dark Energy
- Mar 27, DP1 prep tutorial: Strong Lensing
- Apr 03, DP1 prep tutorial: Galaxies
- Apr 10, DP1 prep tutorial: Time Domain

Rubin user support

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Community forum

Welcome to the Vera C. Rubin Observatory LSST Community Forum

Welcome to the main portal for user support and community engagement for the Rubin Observatory and its Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST). Everyone is welcome to sign up or log in (upper right). Follow the instructions below to ask a question, join a discussion, and stay informed. For more information about this Forum see the user guide, community guidelines, how-to topics, Meta category, or run the interactive Forum tutorial.

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Ask a question

Create a new Topic in the Support category to ask questions and get help, then mark the solution. Confidential support is also available.

Join a discussion

Make new Topics and reply to posts in any category to discuss Rubin science, help answer questions, collaborate, share results, or advertise events.

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Stay informed

Watch the News and Announcements categories to get email notifications. Search the Forum to find answers and information. Join a group.

| all categories ▸ | all tags ▸ | Categories | Latest | Top | Bookmarks | My Posts | ＋ New Topic |

Category	Topics	Latest
News News and announcements from Rubin Observatory. ■ Data Services	6 / month	LSST AGN SC; 15 January 2026 Telecon Minutes ■ 🔒 AGN SC agnsc 0 3h

Rubin Community Forum: community.lsst.org

The Forum is a modern "helpdesk".

The ability to crowd-source solutions provides a scalable community support model for thousands of users.

Have a question or a problem?

Create a **new Topic** in the "**Support**" category.

All Rubin-related questions belong here!

Everyone is encouraged to ask: *students especially.*

Rubin staff monitor all topics to ensure solutions.

Confidential support is also available (see banner).

Posting requires account creation and login; reading does not.

Rubin Y1-Y2 Timeline

**Early 2026
start LSST**

10 Yr cadence begins w/Alerts,
incremental templates begin to be
generated as images are obtained. PVIs
to users can begin to ramp up.

**Citizen Science
data available**

Workflows and data
available to deploy
projects at
Zooniverse.

**Early 2027 Start
DR Y1 DRP**

Release DR1

2026 ➡

Mid 2027

2027 ➡

**Mid 2026
DP2 Released to the community**
Includes single images, incremental template
generation continues. All PVIs being released
by time of DP2. PPDB ready for users near DP2
or a bit later.

**Continue to grow alert
stream through Y2/2027**

**Late 2027 –
Early 2028**