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**A Statement from ACURA on  
the Moore Foundation Award of \$200 Million for the Thirty Meter Telescope**

The Association of Canadian Universities for Research in Astronomy (ACURA) received with immense pleasure the announcement of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation award of \$200 million to the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) and the University of California (UC) for the construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT). ACURA conveys its warmest wishes of success to Caltech and UC in this world leading astronomy project. The Moore Foundation contribution to TMT is an epochal step toward that success and shall indeed “create positive outcomes for future generations”.

ACURA is proud to be a partner of Caltech and UC since 2004 in the detailed design and development program that has made the TMT project worthy of consideration by the Moore Foundation. As the manager of the Canadian effort in this exciting program, ACURA wishes to recognize the Canadian institutions that have made that effort possible:

National Research Council Canada  
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