

SCOSTEP/PRESTO Grants for Year 2025

-- Guidelines for application for databases --

SCOSTEP/PRESTO provides support for creating **databases of solar-terrestrial data** that are strictly related to one or more PRESTO Pillars and contribute to the PRESTO activities. PRESTO funding for databases is typically up to \$5K. The PRESTO grants can be used to cover, fully or partially, the following expenses:

- ✓ software;
- ✓ manpower;
- ✓ servers;
- ✓ web-site maintenance.

Some restriction may be applied for the use of the PRESTO funding (e.g., Users send pro-forma invoice for funding transfer). For details, please consult the SCOSTEP Secretariat, Dr. Keith Groves (keith.groves at bc.edu).

How to prepare and submit your proposal

1) Proposals can only be submitted by SCOSTEP members included in SCOSTEP-all mailing list. To join the SCOSTEP-all mailing list, please contact the SCOSTEP Secretariat, Dr. Keith Groves (“scostep[at]bc.edu” or “scosteprequest[at]bc.edu”, replace “[at]” by “@”).

2) Proposal should include the following information. Follow the SCOSTEP guideline of AI use (<https://scostep.org/about/ai-guidelines/>) to prepare the proposal.:

- a) description of the planned database
- b) how the database is related to the PRESTO and its Pillars
- c) where and in what term the database will be created, coordinator, and point of contact information
- d) requested funding amount and how the funding will be used.
- e) list of other confirmed or addressed sponsors, and their approved or expected contribution.
- i) The length of the proposal should be no more than 2 pages.

3) Please contact relevant PRESTO Pillar co-leaders on your proposal and explain the relevance of your proposal to the PRESTO activity. Proposals for markedly interdisciplinary activities can be explained directly to PRESTO chair/co-chairs.

4) Send your proposal to Ms. Mai Asakura (asakura[at]isee.nagoya-u.ac.jp), one of the secretaries of the SCOSTEP President, Dr. Kazuo Shiokawa, by December 23, 2024.

Conditions associated with a successful grant application are

1) After the deadline, the **decision of acceptance/rejection** of the proposal will be made by the PRESTO chair/co-chairs and the PRESTO Pillar co-leaders.

2) A final **scientific report** on the database to be submitted to the appropriate Pillar co-leaders as well as the chairs of PRESTO within 30 days of completion of the activity. The final report will eventually appear on the SCOSTEP/PRESTO website and newsletters.

3) A **financial report** including the breakdown of expenses to be submitted to the SCOSTEP Secretariat, Dr. Keith Groves (scostep[at]bc.edu).

4) **Links to materials** to be added to the SCOSTEP website and to be then freely available to all in the SCOSTEP/PRESTO community (e.g., data, models, virtual observatories, presentations, press releases, publications, etc.).

5) The support by SCOSTEP/PRESTO **to be acknowledged** in the related presentations, publications, etc.

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