



Dear Colleagues,

The SCOSTEP Visiting Scholar (SVS) program is accepting applications for 2025. The SVS program is a capacity building activity of the Scientific Committee on Solar-Terrestrial Physics (SCOSTEP), which will complement its scientific program (PRESTO) and public outreach activities. The mission of PRESTO (Predictability of Variable Solar-Terrestrial Coupling) is to identify predictability of the variable solar-terrestrial coupling and its performance metrics through modeling, measurements, and data analysis, and to strengthen communication between scientists and users.

The SVS program provides training to graduate students in well-established solar terrestrial physics institutes, for periods of one to three months. The training will help the awardees advance in their career in solar-terrestrial physics using the skills they learned during the training. SCOSTEP will provide the airfare, while the host institute will provide living expenses.

Note that the program is open to applicants from all countries but with an emphasis on applicants from developing countries. The program is limited to Masters and PhD students with the requirement that the recipient has not received a PhD at the time of application to the program.

Interested candidates should contact one of the SVS program hosts; develop a project and work out the details of the visit. Once the applicant and host agree on a visit, the applicant needs to prepare an application package including:

- 1) a 2-page proposal of the work to be performed as an SVS awardee. Follow the SCOSTEP guideline of AI use (<https://scostep.org/about/ai-guidelines/>) to prepare the proposal. All received proposals will be scanned with respective software tools, and in the case of AI use without stating it, the proposals will be penalized by reducing their scores.
- 2) applicant's curriculum vitae
- 3) dates of the proposed visit
- 4) letter of recommendation from the applicant's supervisor - with verification on the applicant's eligibility
- 5) letter from the host scientist/institution indicating that the work will be mutually beneficial

Send a single pdf file with all of the above to one of the secretaries of the SCOSTEP President, Ms. Mai Asakura (asakura[at]isee.nagoya-u.ac.jp). **Deadline for applications is February 15, 2025.** Please contact the host institution well before this deadline, to enable full consideration of your application.

Please note that the 2025 SVS awardees will have until June 30, 2026, to complete their training program. Click to following link for all the relevant information and a list of SVS host institutions: <https://scostep.org/svs/>

Sincerely,
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