

SCOSTEP/COURSE Grants for Year 2026

-- Guidelines for application for campaigns --

SCOSTEP's COURSE program provides support for organizing international **scientific campaigns**, which could be either:

- coordinated observations during a specified period, or
- coordinated investigations of specified past events or periods.

These campaign activities should **be strictly related to one or more COURSE Focus Areas** and contribute to the COURSE activities. The campaign activity should be international and interdisciplinary and should be open to the solar-terrestrial physics community for participation.

SCOSTEP/COURSE funding for campaigns is typically up to \$5K. **It is assumed that the instrumentation and equipment necessary for the campaign are already present.** This grant can be used to cover, fully or partially, the following expenses:

- in case of **campaign observations**: organization and logistics of the observations, travel expenses of the observational team, and publication fee from the campaign.
- in case of **coordinated investigations** (e.g., campaign data analysis for past events): communications, software, travel expenses for a meeting to summarize the results (either stand-alone or a dedicated session in a related meeting), cost for online meetings, and publication fee from the campaign.

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. Odele Coddington ("scostep[at]lasp.colorado.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 activity
- b) how the activity is related to the COURSE and its Focus Areas
- c) how it furthers capacity building
- d) when and where the campaign observations will be carried out, participating observers, coordinator, and point of contact information
- e) period when the coordinated investigations will be performed, participating institutions, coordinator, and point of contact information.
- f) anticipated participation and demographics of the participants
- g) requested funding amount and how the funding will be used.
- h) 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 the relevant COURSE Focus Area co-leaders on your proposal and explain the relevance of your proposal to the COURSE activity. Proposals for markedly interdisciplinary activities can be explained directly to the COURSE 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 January 12, 2026.

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 COURSE co-chairs and the COURSE Focus Area co-leaders.
- 2) A final **scientific report** on the activity to be submitted to the appropriate Focus Area co-leaders as well as the co-chairs of COURSE within 30 days of completion of the activity. The final report will eventually appear on the SCOSTEP/COURSE website. Please provide a shorter version of the final report to appear in the SCOSTEP/COURSE newsletters (a maximum of 500 words in length with four figures from the campaign and face photos of the writers).
- 3) A **financial report** including the breakdown of expenses and the names of the supported participants to be submitted to the SCOSTEP Secretariat, Dr. Odele Coddington (scostep[at]lasp.colorado.edu).
- 4) **Links to materials** to be added to the SCOSTEP website and to be then freely available to all in the SCOSTEP/COURSE community (e.g., data, models, virtual observatories, presentations, press releases, publications, etc.).
- 5) The support by SCOSTEP/COURSE **to be acknowledged** in the related presentations, publications, etc.

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