

SCOSTEP/COURSE Grants for Year 2026

-- Guidelines for application for databases --

SCOSTEP/COURSE provides support for creating **databases of solar-terrestrial data** that are strictly related to one or more COURSE Focus Areas and contribute to the COURSE activities.

COURSE funding for databases is typically up to \$5K. The COURSE grants can be used to cover, fully or partially, the following expenses:

- a) software;
- b) manpower;
- c) servers;
- d) website construction and maintenance.

Some restrictions may be applied for the use of the COURSE funding (e.g., Users send a pro-forma invoice for funding transfer). For details, please consult the SCOSTEP Secretariat, Dr. Odele Coddington (“scostep[at]lasp.colorado.edu”, replace “[at]” by “@”).

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 database
- b) how the database is related to the COURSE and its Focus Areas
- c) where and in what term the database will be created, the coordinator, and the 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 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 database 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 and newsletters.

3) A **financial report** including the breakdown of expenses to be submitted to the SCOSTEP Secretariat, Dr. Odele Coddington (“scostep[at]lasp.colorado.edu”, replace “[at]” by “@”).

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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