

SCOSTEP/COURSE Grants for Year 2026

-- Guidelines for application for meetings --

SCOSTEP/COURSE provides support for organizing **international scientific meetings** (*conferences, symposia, workshops*) which are strictly related to one or more COURSE Focus Areas and contribute to COURSE activities. *Since SCOSTEP has dedicated funding for capacity building activity, please send requests for supporting schools directly to SCOSTEP President and Secretariat.*

SCOSTEP/COURSE funding for one meeting is typically \$3K, but no more than \$5K. We urge candidates to raise additional funding for their meetings from other sources. This grant is limited to the usage of covering, fully or partially, the following expenses:

- Cost for preparation of online meeting, such as Zoom license, archiving recorded presentations, etc.
- registration fee waivers
- travel expenses, visa payment, accommodation, and per diem of selected participants.

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. 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) when and where it will occur and the point of contact information
- c) meeting’s web page (if any).
- d) how the activity is related to COURSE and its Focus Area(s)
- e) anticipated attendance and demographics of the participants
- f) how it will enhance capacity building
- 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 relevant COURSE Focus Area co-leaders on your proposal and explain the relevance of your proposal to the COURSE Focus Area activity. Proposals of markedly interdisciplinary activities can be explained directly to 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 to 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 150 words in length with one photo from the meeting 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 COURSE community (e.g., presentations, virtual observatories, press releases, publications, etc.).
- 5) The support by SCOSTEP/COURSE **to be acknowledged** in the meeting announcement, sign boards, program book, etc.

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