

Announcement 2:

2025 awardees of the SCOSTEP Visiting Scholar (SVS) program

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The SCOSTEP Visiting Scholar (SVS) program (<https://scostep.org/svs/>) is a capacity building activity of SCOSTEP, which complements its scientific program (PRESTO and COURSE) and public outreach activities. 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 their SVS experience. SCOSTEP provides the airfare for the necessary transportation, while the host institute provides living expenses and training facilities. The following 21 students are new awardees of the SVS program in 2025. We are grateful to all members of the SVS Selection Committee for their efforts of selecting these awardees.

- **Abdalla Shaker Tawfik Abdalla** (Helwan University, Egypt) Tenure: Leibniz Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Rostock, Germany
- **Ifeoluwa Seun Adawa** (Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology (E-JUST), Egypt) Tenure: Department of Earth and Planetary Science, Faculty of Science, Kyushu University, Japan
- **Manar Gamal Sayed Ahmed** (Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology (E-JUST), Egypt) Tenure: Institute for Space-Earth Environmental Research (ISEE), Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan
- **Amrutha** (Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG), Navi Mumbai, India) Tenure: Institute for Space-Earth Environmental Research (ISEE), Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan
- **Neetasha Govindram Arya** (Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG) Navi Mumbai, India) Tenure: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD, USA
- **Ayisha M. Ashruf** (Space Physics Laboratory, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, India) Tenure: Leibniz Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Rostock, Germany
- **Kristýna Drastichová** (Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic) Tenure: Institute for Space-Earth Environmental Research (ISEE), Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan
- **Trinidad Duran** (Universidad Nacional del Sur, in Bahia Blanca, Argentina) Tenure: Department of Earth and Planetary Science, Faculty of Science, Kyushu University, Japan
- **Arthur Gauthier** (German Aerospace Center, Neustrelitz, Germany University of Bern, Switzerland) Tenure: Institute for Space-Earth Environmental Research (ISEE), Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan
- **B. Gayathri** (Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG), Navi Mumbai, India) Tenure: Institute for Space-Earth Environmental Research (ISEE), Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan
- **Priyansh Jaswal** (Center of Excellence in Space Sciences India, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Kolkata, West Bengal, India) Tenure: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD, USA
- **Soumyaranjan Khuntia** (Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru, India) Tenure: University of Science and Technology of China (USTC), Hefei, China
- **Thomas Lheureux** (Research Institute for Astrophysics and Planetology (IRAP), University of Toulouse, France) Tenure: Institute for Space-Earth Environmental Research (ISEE), Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan
- **Ankita Manjrekar** (Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG), Navi Mumbai, India) Tenure: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD, USA
- **Yamila Daniela Melendi** (Universidad Nacional del Sur, Bahía Blanca, Argentina) Tenure: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD, USA
- **Nada Mohamed Mostafa** (Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt) Tenure: Institute for Space-Earth Environmental Research (ISEE), Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan
- **Famil Mustafa** (Shamakhy Astrophysical Observatory named after N. Tusi (ShAO), Azerbaijan) Tenure: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD, USA

- **Omkar M. Patil** (Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG), Navi Mumbai, India) Tenure: Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute (KASI), Korea
- **David Pelosi** (Department of Physics, University of Perugia, Italy) Tenure: Space Physics and Astronomy Research Unit, University of Oulu, Finland
- **Anagha Prasad** (Centre for Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Science, University of Hyderabad, Telangana, India) Tenure: Leibniz Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Rostock, Germany
- **Pranali Thakur** (Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG), Navi Mumbai, India) Tenure: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD, USA

Announcement 3:

The 3rd International Science Council (ISC) General Assembly



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SCOSTEP is one of the 15 Affiliated Bodies of the International Science Council (ISC), such as CO-SPAR, Future Earth, SCAR, and WDS. The ISC held (1) the Muscat Global Knowledge Dialogue and (2) the 3rd ISC General Assembly on January 26-28 and 29-31, 2025, respectively, at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre in Muscat, Oman. (1) is a segment of (2). About 415 representatives from 132 countries joined. As the representative of SCOSTEP, I joined these meetings on January 28-29. During (1), a planning session on the International Polar Year (IPY) - 5 was held on January 28. The IPY-5 is planned to be held in 2032-2033. SCOSTEP should contribute to this IPY-5 activities which will mainly focus on the sciences in polar environment. Then, a session of Affiliated Bodies was held in the morning of January 29. In this session, after having short presentations of all the 12 participating Affiliated Bodies, the participants discussed how to enhance collaboration between the ISC and Affiliated Bodies, such as through ISC strategic plan, sharing hub, access to international networks, IPY-5 and similar initiatives, contribution to policy/UN reports, data management,



Figure 1. A photo from the 3rd International Science Council (ISC) General Assembly.

and capacity building of early-career scientists. The details of all sessions and resolutions taken during the meetings can be found at <https://council.science/events/muscat-gkd/>. The Muscat Dialogue on Global Science was issued, as shown at <https://council.science/news/muscat-declaration/>.