SCOSTEP/PRESTO Grants for Year 2021

-- Guidelines for application for meetings --

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

SCOSTEP/PRESTO 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, Ms. Patricia Doherty (scostep@bc.edu).
- 2) Proposal should include the following information:
 - a) description of the planned activity
 - b) when and where it will occur and point of contact information
 - c) meeting's web page (if any).
 - d) how the activity is related to PRESTO and its Pillar(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 PRESTO Pillar co-leaders on your proposal and explain the relevance of your proposal to the PRESTO Pillar activity. Proposals of markedly interdisciplinary activities can be explained directly to PRESTO chair/co-chairs.
- 4) Send your proposal to the SCOSTEP Secretariat, Ms. Patricia Doherty (scostep@bc.edu) by December 31, 2020.

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 PRESTO chair/co-chairs and the PRESTO Pillar co-leaders.
- 2) A final **scientific report** on the activity to be submitted to the appropriate Pillar coleaders as well as to the chairs of PRESTO within 30 days of completion of the activity. The final report will eventually appear on the SCOSTEP/PRESTO website and newsletters.
- 3) A **financial report** including the breakdown of expenses and the names of the supported participants to be submitted to the SCOSTEP Secretariat, Ms. Patricia Doherty (patricia.doherty at bc.edu).
- 4) **Links to materials** to be added to the SCOSTEP website and to be then freely available to all in the PRESTO community (e.g. presentations, virtual observatories, press releases, publications, etc.).
- 5) The support by SCOSTEP/PRESTO **to be acknowledged** in the meeting announcement, sign boards, program book, etc.

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