

The SCOSTEP Visiting Scholar (SVS) Program

The SCOSTEP Visiting Scholar (SVS) program is a new capacity building activity of SCOSTEP. The SVS program complements the current scientific program, VarSITI (Variability of the Sun and its Terrestrial Impact) and SCOSTEP's public outreach activities.

The objective of the SVS program is to provide training to young scientists and graduate students from developing countries in well-established solar terrestrial physics institutes, for one to three months. SCOSTEP aims to fund four scholars each year, one related to each of the four SCOSTEP/VarSITI themes (<http://www.varsiti.org/>). The training will help the young scientists to advance their career in solar terrestrial physics using the technique/skill they learned during the training. SCOSTEP will provide the airfare, while the host institute will provide the living expenses (accommodation, sustenance, ground transportation, visa fees and other incidentals). Trainees should have their own health insurance or arrange a provision with the host institution.

Frequency: At least four scholars each year.

Application Procedure: Interested candidates should contact one of the SVS program hosts listed below and work out the details of the visit. Once the applicant and the host agree on a visit, the applicant needs to prepare an application package including the following details of the visit: (i) *work to be performed*; (ii) *applicant's curriculum vitae*, (iii) *dates of the visit and an estimate of the airfare in economy class*; (iv) *letter from the applicant's supervisor*, and (v) *a letter from the host scientist/institution*. A single pdf file of the above materials should be sent to SCOSTEP's Scientific Secretary, Dr. Marianna G. Shepherd (mshepher@yorku.ca). Deadline for applications: **February 25 each year**. The applicant will be informed about the SVS Selection Committee's decision within three months after this date. For more information, please see:

<http://scostep.apps01.yorku.ca/programs/scostep-visiting-scholar-svs/>

List of hosts: CAS Key Laboratory of Geospace Environment, University of Science and Technology of China, China. Contact: Dr. Yuming Wang - [ymwang@ustc.edu.cn](mailto:ywang@ustc.edu.cn), Dr. Jiuhou Lei - leijh@ustc.edu.cn;

http://en.ess.ustc.edu.cn/about/labs/201107/t20110706_115544.html

Centre for Atmospheric Research, National Space Research and Development Agency, Anyigba, Nigeria.

Contact: Prof. Babatunde Rabiu - tunderabiu2@gmail.com

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SVS Recipients – 2015



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OMONDI, George Erick, Maseno University, Kenya (SANSA)



OWOLABI, Oluwafisayo, University of Lagos, Nigeria (SANSA)



SELVAKUMARAN, R., Indian Inst. Geomagnet., India (NASA – GSFC)



THOMAS, Neethal, Indian Inst. Geomagnet., India (CIRC/ISEE, Nagoya Univ.)

SVS Recipients – 2016



SUMOD, S.G., Mahatma Gandhi University, India (ISEE, Nagoya Univ.)



SASIKUMAR RAJA, K., Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, India (NAOC, China)



GOKANI, Sneha, Indian Institute of Geomagnetism, India (SANSA)



BOLAGI, Oluwale Segun, Univ. of Lagos, Nigeria (Univ. of Science & Technology, China)