Applications for SCOR Support of Developing Country Scientists to Attend Ocean Science Meetings and Training

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Through funding from the U.S. National Science Foundation, SCOR has supported (since 1984) the travel of scientists from developing countries and countries with economies in transition to participate in ocean science meetings. More than 1,000 individuals, mostly students and other early-career scientists, have benefitted from this program.

SCOR does not accept applications from individuals wishing to attend scientific meetings. Instead, meeting organizers may submit applications for support for developing country scientists to attend their meetings.

The Process

1. Meeting organizers seeking support should fill in the form on the next page and submit it to the SCOR Secretariat ([secretariat@scor-int.org](mailto:secretariat@scor-int.org)), preferably 6-12 months in advance of their meeting, together with a cover letter on letterhead.
2. The SCOR Committee on Capacity Development will review applications 4 times per year and make decisions about which meetings to support. Decisions will be based on information provided in the application form, as well as SCOR scientific priorities.
3. The organizers of meetings for which SCOR provided support must provide to the SCOR Secretariat a list of potential recipients of travel support before funds can be transferred. The list should include the name, country, email address, and career status for each proposed recipient. The SCOR Executive Director will review the list to ensure that the proposed recipients are from eligible countries (see <https://scor-int.org/work/capacity/travel-grants>) and have not received travel support from SCOR in the past two years. If the meeting is held in a developing country, the proposed recipients should be from outside the host country. Recipients should be students and early-career scientists (up to 10 years post-degree)
4. SCOR can work directly with the approved recipients or send the granted amount to the meeting organizers. If the funds are sent to the meeting organizers, an accounting of the transferred funds must be provided to SCOR within 1 month after the meeting.
5. Meeting organizers should provide to SCOR a short post-meeting report about the participation of the developing country scientists in the meeting within 1 month after the meeting.

Application Form for SCOR Support of Developing Country Scientists to Attend Ocean Science Meetings and Training

Title of Meeting:

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Location of Meeting:

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Dates of Meeting:

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Expected number of participants at meeting:

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Web site for Meeting:

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Name(s) and Contact Information for Meeting Organizer(s):

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Short description of meeting purpose (100 words or less):

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How will the meeting be advertised to attract students and early-career scientists from developing countries?

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How will the selection process work (i.e., who will do the selections and what criteria will they use)?

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How will mentoring of travel support recipients be accomplished before, during, and/or after the meeting? See [Urban and Boscolo (2013)](http://tos.org/oceanography/article/using-scientific-meetings-to-enhance-the-development-of-earlycareerscientis) for ideas.

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Have other potential sources of funding for early-career scientists been identified?

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