



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Proposals for organizing scientific and educational meetings of planetary science (workshops, schools, and training programs)

Center for Planetary Science (CPS) calls for proposals to organize workshops, schools, and training programs under the conditions mentioned below. The successful projects are expected to proceed in cooperation with CPS. CPS will share part of the cost to hold the meetings and give support for paper works and for practical tasks of archiving information and knowledge in an electronic form.

1. About CPS

Planetary science is an expanding discipline in a wide range of fields from "astronomy and astrophysics" to "geosciences". The subject of research extends over the solar system and are currently expanding into other planetary systems. A variety of methods has been applied to research in planetary science: spacecraft explorations, astronomical observations, theory, laboratory analogue experiments and sample analyses, computer simulation, geological surveys, etc.

CPS was established in Kobe University as an organization supported by the Global COE Program "Foundation of the International Education and Research Center for Planetary Science" in collaboration between Kobe University and Hokkaido University. CPS aims to play a role as a catalyst for human resources development and research activities led by planetary scientists around the world. This is to provide a site where people from various fields of planetary science get together and accumulate their knowledge and information, and to play the most vital role in developing planetary science in terms of its extension and long-term vision.

This call invites proposals along the lines of the main goal of CPS, which take an institutionally boundaryless approach toward independent development of human resources and promotion of research activities, open up a new frontier of planetary science with radical originality, and make a contribution to the whole community of planetary science as a part of the CPS activities.

2. Meeting Categories

(A) Workshops

A maximum of 500,000 JPY will be granted for each successful (domestic or international) workshop with ten to dozens of participants.

(B) Schools

1) CPS International School of Planetary Sciences

This is a call for organizing the annual international school of CPS.

Check the CPS website (<http://www.cps-jp.org/index.htm.en>) for the previous accomplishments.

2) General

A maximum of 500,000 JPY will be granted for each school that consists of lectures and that enrolls participants from several groups and several academic institutions (only qualified institutions mentioned below).

(C) Training Programs

Financial support will be given to exploratory programs for educational training in the field of planetary science or to projects for designing and developing a training program that calls public attention. The programs should in principle be completed within a fiscal year.

3. Eligibility to Apply

Qualified applicants are the faculty and research staff of the following institutions: National University Corporations; Public and Private Universities; Inter-University Research Institute Cooperation; universities, junior colleges, technical colleges, and research institutions run by Independent Administrative Institution or Local Independent Administrative Agency. Individuals who are acknowledged by the director of CPS to have the eligibility are also qualified for application. The chief organizer is allowed to apply for only one category within the same fiscal year. Students are encouraged to apply provided that a qualified applicant is delegated to submit the proposal.

4. How to Apply

The application form (in a PDF file) must be sent by e-mail to:

ercg-shukai09@cps-jp.org

and include the following eight items (no restrictions of its format and the number of words):

- (1) Name of scientific and educational meeting
- (2) Expected place of the meeting
- (3) Estimated duration of the meeting
- (4) Rough schedule throughout the meeting
- (5) The background, goal, and significance of the meeting (Describe concretely the contribution given in the section 6-1)
- (6) Members of organizing committee (CPS staff or CPS collaborating scientists must be included. Refer to the section 6-3-3)
- (7) Expected participants
- (8) Estimate of the expenses

5. Deadline for Submissions

A call for applications remains open throughout the year, although applications proposed by July 31, 2009 have received first consideration for fiscal 2009.

6. Important Note

- (1) Selection procedure and notice of decision

The steering committee of CPS will decide the awardee along the selection standard mentioned below, based on the assessment of necessity for the development of planetary science and of its feasibility. Unsuccessful proposals will be considered in the next turn; These proposals may be revised if necessary. The chief organizer will be notified of the decision as soon as possible.

- Selection Standard (not all the demands are necessarily fulfilled.)
 - Contribution to the construction of a pan-planetary system model
 - Contribution to human resources development in a broad sense
 - Contribution to the CPS promoted project of knowledge archives
 - Contribution to the development of crossover approaches to planetary science in a different field and method
 - Contribution to a new frontier of planetary science
 - Feasibility

- (2) Report

The successful chief organizer will be requested to submit a report in a PDF file soon after the meeting is over. This report will be posted on the CPS website and attached to the CPS annual report. Please check the CPS website about the format of the report.

- (3) Others

1. If the meeting is hosted under the joint sponsorship of CPS, the organizers should acknowledge CPS's financial support for holding the meeting and technical support for archiving knowledge.
2. All the workshops, schools, and training programs proposed by July 31, 2009 must be executed between April in 2009 and March in 2010, except for CPS International School of Planetary Sciences, which should be carried out between April in 2010 and March in 2011 owing to its longer preparation time.
3. For convenience of CPS administration, the organizing committee members should include CPS staff or CPS collaborating scientists given at the URL mentioned below:
<http://www.cps-jp.org/member/index.htm.en>
4. The meetings can be held regardless of place.
5. Any loss, damage, and accident happened in the meeting should be settled by the hosting institutions or individuals. CPS is not responsible for such matters unless the meeting is hosted by CPS.
6. Inquiries about application may be addressed to:

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