

Call for Proposals for Short-Term Scientific Missions

The recently established Technical Committee 3 on "Propagation, Scattering and channel characterization" of the IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society <https://ieeeaps.org/committees/tc/tc3> is glad to announce a call for proposals for Short-Term Scientific Missions. All the applicants are invited to submit their proposal to the TC3 Chair Thomas Kürner (tc3@ieeeaps.org) by **30 September 2026**. The AP-S TC3 committee will review and select STSM proposals for IEEE AP-S funding.

The guidelines for a IEEE AP-S TC3 STSM proposal are:

- 1) STSM duration:** From 2 weeks up to 2 months.
- 2) Expenses:** maximum 3000 US\$. In any case the most reasonable economic rates for travel, accommodation and lodging shall be pursued.
- 3) Location of STSM Institutions:** The sending and host institutions should be located in two different countries. Priority will be given to applications with sending institutions in developing countries.
- 4) IEEE AP-S membership:** It is expected, that applicant of an accepted STSM is an IEEE member and a member of IEEE AP-S. IEEE membership number should be included in the application. In the publication an acknowledgement to IEEE AP-S TC3 is mandatory.
- 5) Confirmation Letter of the Host:** A letter of acceptance by the host has to be submitted with the application.
- 6) Applicant Profile:** The applicant should preferably be a young researcher (up to 7 years of experience after the PhD), although more experienced researchers can be accepted if properly justified. However, priority will be given to Ph. D. students.
- 7) STSM outcome:** The minimal requirement is to produce at least a 1 page scientific STSM report on the results of the STSM. The scientific report will be published on the TC3 web site <https://ieeeaps.org/committees/tc/tc3>. However, a commitment to submit a paper at the next IEEE AP-S edition, subject to the STSM work successful results, will be considered as beneficial in the evaluation.
- 8) Submission procedure:** The applicant shall submit the filled application form (see attachment) no later than 30 September, 2026.
- 9) Acceptance:** The acceptance is subject to the evaluation and a preliminary decision by IEEE AP-S TC 3. The final approval will be made by IEEE TAB VP.

10) Start of STSM: Applicants should start the STSM as soon as possible, but no later than 3 months after receiving the formal acceptance, unless exceptional circumstances.

11) Evaluation criteria: It will mainly be based on the quality of the scientific proposal (originality, applicant profile, reputation of institutions, feasibility to achieve the goals within the STSM) but the evaluation will also take into account the amount of the requested grant with respect to the expected output.

12) Type of funding: The funding will be provided as grant given to the applicant (or one of the institutions), which may be equal or less than the requested amount.

13) Confirmation of STSM: After the preliminary acceptance by IEEE AP-S TC 3 the proponent will have one week to confirm he/she accepts the proposal in order to start the preparations for approval by the IEEE TAB VP. Please note that the STSM call 2026 is subject to approval by IEEE AP-S Adcom and IEEE TAB VP.

14) Eligibility of members of the AP-S TC3: Members of IEEE AP-S TC 3 and their institutions are not eligible to act as either sending or receiving institution in an STSM.

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IEEE AP/S TC3 STSM Application Form

STSM Topic: Short Name of the Topic

Period: xx/xx/200x to xx/xx/200x

STSM Applicant Details

Title:	Title
Family Name:	Family Name
Name:	Name
IEEE Member Number:	IEEE Member Number
Gender:	M/F
Email:	Email Address
Phone:	Phone Number
Institution:	Institution
Institution Address:	Institution Address
Address City:	City
Country:	Country

Short CV (date of birth, higher education degree, further qualifications): 5-20 lines

Work Plan Summary, Schedule and Expected Outcomes: 10-40 lines

STSM Applicant (or institution) Bank Details

Name of Account Holder:	Name
Address:	Address
Address City:	City
Bank Name:	Bank Name
Branch and Address:	Branch and Address
Bank Account Number – IBAN:	Bank Account Number
Bank Code – BIC or SWIFT:	Bank Code

STSM Host Details

Family Name:	Family Name
Name:	Name
Email:	Email Address
Institution:	Institution
Institution Address:	Institution Address
Address City:	City
Country:	Country

Financial Data

Amount for Travel:	X €	(less than 1000 US\$ recommended)
Subsistence (hotel/meals):	X €	(normally less than 90 US\$ per day)
Total Requested Amount:	X €	(no more than 3000 US\$)

I, Name, request the approval of a IEEE AP/S TC3 Short Term Scientific Mission as described above.

Date: xx/xx/20xx

Name of Applicant: Name

Signature:
