

Support for Space Mission Science Preparation

Remit - The Science must fall within the STFC Astronomy remit.

Low level support is available for involvement in science preparation for space missions and their subsequent exploitation. STFC will consider requests for modest and timely pre-launch, science preparation, modelling and team building work which UKSA does not feel is within its remit. This limited funding available will support these activities for a range of current and planned ESA and bilateral science missions. Examples include travel to allow participation in science teams or working groups, community development activities such as workshops and meetings, limited support for data modelling or development of data products.

Requests should be for no more than £100k and will only fund fractions of PDRA, Technical and Applicant time, plus supporting costs. Significant programmes of work will be directed to more relevant schemes.

Please note that this is not intended to replace proposals which should be considered by the Astronomy Grants Panel (AGP) or to compensate for badly timed proposals or proposals that have already been assessed.

Requests can be emailed directly to Kim.Burchell@UKRI.stfc.org and should be no longer than 2 pages, outlining the need for funding and the benefits to the UK.

Where necessary, input will be sought from members of the AGP and the outcome will be emailed directly to the Applicant with further details.