



IAU Office of Astronomy for Development

Annual Call for Proposals 2026: Stage 1 Application

- If you need support for accessibility, please write to us at info@astro4dev.org.
- Although the OAD is a global office, English is the official working language of the OAD. We request that all applications be submitted in English. For translation assistance, please contact us at info@astro4dev.org at least 2 weeks before the application deadline.
- Similarly, for proposal writing assistance, contact us at info@astro4dev.org by May 14. [More information](#).
- Before you begin your application, please read the Full Text of the Call at <http://www.astro4dev.org/aboutiauood/cfp/>. It is also highly recommended that you read the 'Getting Started' section, and ideally complete the [online short course on Astronomy for Development](#) to help you develop your proposal.
- Questions marked with * are compulsory.
- Only online applications will be accepted. For any questions or issues, please write to us at info@astro4dev.org.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:

This section is not part of the proposal application. Any data collected will be stored and used by the OAD and not shared with the review panel. The information will help us understand who is applying for IAU OAD grants.

1. Your age*

- 18-35
- 36-50
- 51-65
- 65+
- prefer not to say

2. Your gender*

3. Your highest level of educational qualification*

- high school
- diploma
- bachelor's degree
- masters degree
- phd
- other (please specify)
- prefer not to say

4. Your professional or educational background*

what is your field of study or work?

OVERVIEW

1. First Name and Surname *

2. Email *

3. Project Name *

4. Project Abbreviation * *(max. 10 characters)*

Please provide a Short Code to refer to project

5. Which countries will your project target? * *(max. 200 characters)*

6. Project Summary * *(max. 3000 characters)*

state your problem, proposed solution, and describe the activities you will undertake

7. Choose the primary target audience for your project *

Note that simply reaching a large audience does not lead to a larger impact.

- Universities
- Schools
- Public
- Industry
- Government/ Policymakers
- Other (please write)

CHALLENGE

8 a. Describe the developmental challenge you aim to address in this project *(max. 2000 characters)*

Examples of development challenges are poor educational outcomes at school level, high poverty etc. Include references where possible.

8 b. To which of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will your project respond ? Choose up to 3 SDGs. *

Select a maximum of up to 3 SDGs relevant to your project. For detailed descriptions of the SDGs, please visit the [UN website](#) and look at the [SDG indicators](#)

1. Poverty– End poverty in all its forms everywhere

2. Hunger– End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture

3. Health– Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages
4. Education– Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
5. Women– Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
6. Water– Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
7. Energy– Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
8. Employment & Economic Growth– Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all
9. Infrastructure & Innovation– Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation, and foster innovation
10. Inequality– Reduce inequality within and among countries
11. Urban Safety & Welfare– Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
12. Production & Consumption– Ensure sustainable production and consumption patterns
13. Climate Change– Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
14. Marine Conservation– Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
15. Environment preservation– Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification and halt and reverse land degradation, and halt biodiversity loss
16. Peace, security, equality– Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
17. Implementation– Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development

DELIVERABLES and OUTCOMES

9. How will you achieve the selected development goals using Astronomy? * (max. 2000 characters)

10 a. What are the intended Deliverables of your project? * (max. 2000 characters)

List major deliverables such as workshops, events, educational kits, presentations, lectures, videos, manuals etc. In the case of training or workshops or lectures, please list the topics.

Please watch this video snippet explaining the differences between Outputs/Deliverables, Outcomes, and Impact: https://youtu.be/1PzIja2pb5q?list=PLZaRaPaDLBvHKZq_V3Q3mFeUxS9D_1nhR&t=5017

10 b. What are the intended Outcomes of your project ? * (max. 2000 characters)

Outcomes define the change(s) that you hope to achieve through your project. For example, increase in literacy

levels, increased revenue, more jobs etc.

OTHER DETAILS

11. In which languages will your project be delivered and/or written? **(max. 200 characters)*

12. How will you ensure a diverse audience for your project? **(max. 500 characters)*

13. Comment on the qualifications, experience, and diversity of your team. **Please DO NOT mention any names.** **(max. 500 characters)*

Does your team have the right mix of expertise? Have team members run similar projects previously? Have you considered diversity within your team in terms of gender/gender identity, background etc.

14 a. Have you or any of your team members submitted this same idea in previous years? If Yes, what was the title of that proposal? **(max. 100 characters)*

write NA if not applicable

14 b. Have you received funding from the IAU (OAD or Office of Astronomy for Education or Office for Astronomy Outreach or other) for this idea? **(max. 500 characters)*

If yes, how much funding did you receive? What were the outcomes of that project?

14 c. Are you building upon previous work, done either by you or others? If Yes, please provide more details or a link to the project. **(max. 500 characters)*

search [past OAD projects](#)

15. Will your proposal be an implementation for one of the below **Theme(s)**? ***

If your proposal pertains to more than one theme, please choose the primary or most significant theme.

- [Sustainable local socio-economic development through Astronomy](#)
- [Science Diplomacy through astronomy: celebrating our common humanity](#)
- [Knowledge and Skills for Development](#)
- Not related to the above

BUDGET

16 Budget

Please complete in EURO. Proposals selected for Stage 2 will be requested for a detailed budget breakdown.

16 a. Total Project Budget (EURO) [numbers only] ***

16 b. Total funds requested from IAU (EURO) [numbers only] *

16 c. Comments on budget * (*max. 2000 characters*)

list the top 3-4 highest expense items together with a description of each item; where will you source remaining funds?

17. Why should we fund your project? (*max. 1000 characters*)

This is an opportunity for you to motivate why your project should be selected. You could for example include details such as the need for your project around your target location/audience, how your idea is innovative, confirmed collaborators or any other information you may think would convince us to fund your project.

Any personal data submitted will be stored by the International Astronomical Union's Office of Astronomy for Development (IAU OAD) and processed in accordance with data protection and privacy laws. For any queries on data privacy, please contact us at info@astro4dev.org.

Thank you for submitting a Stage 1 application to the 2026 OAD Call for Proposals. For any questions or issues, please write to us at info@astro4dev.org.