



Want to bring world-class space education to your country?

Call for hosting the
Space Studies Program (SSP) 2026, 2027, 2028



Founded in 1987

**5,600+ alumni
from 110+ countries**

ISU: Space Education for a Changing World

Our mission is to prepare individuals with the technical and soft skills necessary to respond to the evolving demands of the space sector and promote the development and application of space solutions in a rapidly changing world.

300+ faculty experts from space agencies, industries and academia from 30+ countries



SSP: A unique space professional development program

The ISU Space Studies Program **#SSP** facilitates the development of technical knowledge, skills, and professional network in its one of a kind ISU 3Is setting - interdisciplinary, intercultural, and international.

Since its inception in 1988, SSP has been conducted **36** times in **17** different countries across **5** continents.

The program brings together...

over
300
attendees

representing
40+
countries

for
8 weeks
to the host country



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→ Locations of SSP host sites (1988-2024)





...SSP graduates are shaping the space sector



Valanathan Munsami
Deputy CEO of Saudi Space Agency



Giulia Federico
COO, Space Products and Innovation



Enrico Palermo
Head of the Australian Space Agency



Erin Tranfield
Head of Bioluminescence, Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciencia



Katherine Bennell-Pegg
Astronaut in training, Australian Space Agency



Violetta Kuvaeva
Director of Technology, SES Satellites



So-yeon Yi
Astronaut, KARI (ret.)



Tuva Cihangir Atasever
Astronaut in training, Turkish Space Agency



Yanina Hallak
CEO and Co-founder, UARX Space



Kartik Kumar
CEO and Co-founder, satsearch



and many more...

Each day, our alumni, including astronauts, entrepreneurs - **150+ start-ups founded by ISU alumni** - and experts, apply their knowledge and experience gained in ISU programs to their careers and groundbreaking achievements.





International Exposure

Showcase your national, regional and local space infrastructure and talent to international specialists and decision-makers



Academic Engagement

Give your local academic community the chance to meet and collaborate with world-renowned experts



Networking

Benefit from a permanent affiliation with the ISU network

Benefits of Hosting an ISU SSP Session in your country



Direct Economic Benefits

Boost your economy with 400+ influential visitors living in your city for over a 2-month period



Public Events and Outreach

Let your local communities and schools take part in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics) activities, meet astronauts, and feel the "space buzz"



Testimonials from former SSP Hosts



“Hosting the SSP in Portugal was one of the best decisions we took at the Portuguese Space Agency. At a moment when the Agency was starting, organising SSP22 allowed the entire ecosystem to connect with international partners in a way that helped foster new partnerships.

We saw participants willing to stay in Portugal to progress with their careers, new companies being created, and the Agency reinforcing its international cooperation with different entities brought by ISU and SSP. The hosting city became a Space city during those months, and we can see today how the municipality has been actively setting up a space hub since then.

Organising an SSP is challenging, but the results will last a long time and are excellent when the goal is to enlarge one’s horizons.

We would do it again!”



Hugo André Costa

SSP22 LOC Chair,
Executive Board Member at Portuguese Space Agency



“It was an amazing experience to realize the 35th edition of the SSP in Brazil in 2023. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and ISU worked very hard together to bring the greatest benefit possible to the local community by holding this unique program, in order to promote space activities in the country, inspire future generations, to present the frontier of discussion about space to the local technical-scientific community and also promoting connections for future cooperation.

The result was quite impressive, with more than 7,200 young people participating in the non-SSP activities offered during the program, more than 1,000 local people attending the distinguished lectures, 120 press releases in the traditional media, many of them broadcasted nationally, and strong interactions of the SSP experts and VIPs with our experts and institutions.

The strong partnerships established between our institutions due to this program is also a great benefit that will last very long because we learned that we can make bigger and better things together!”

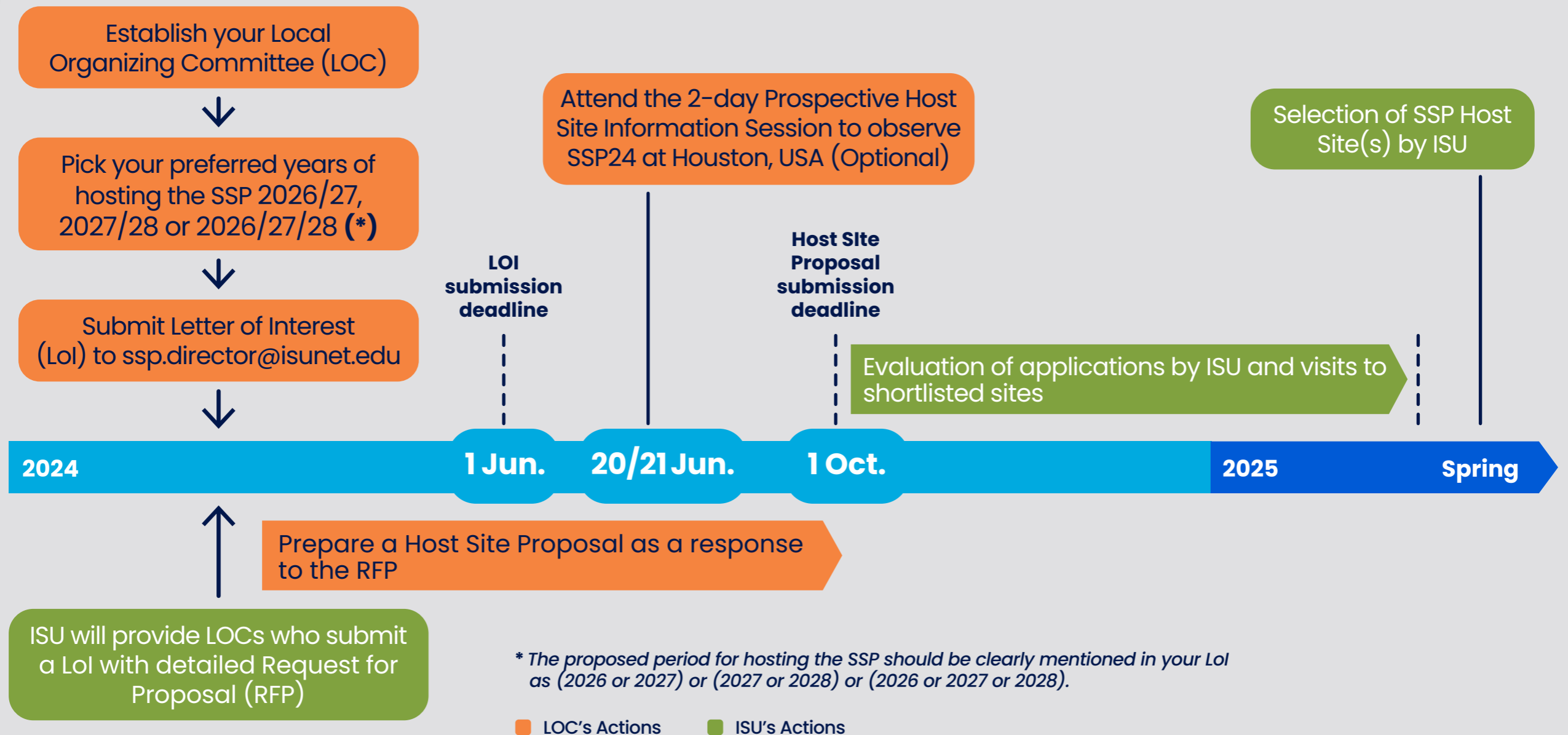


Mônica Elizabeth Rocha de Oliveira

SSP23 LOC General-Coordinator,
Brazilian National Institute for Space Research (INPE)



Timeline for SSP Host Site Selection Process



Examples of how you could contribute?

Task Distribution between ISU and LOC in hosting an SSP

ISU
Overall planning, management, and execution of SSP
Academic curriculum design
Admissions and onboarding
International travel services
Selection of the faculty members
Hiring and training of the staff
LOC
Provision of facilities and local IT services
Arrangement of lodging and food services (<i>the cost of these services will be covered by ISU</i>)
Domestic travel & local transfers
Marketing and promotion
Hosting of special events and professional visits
Visa support services

Traditional Cost Sharing between ISU and LOC in hosting an SSP*

Covered by ISU
Academic material expenses
Lodging and regular meals for SSP participants
Costs associated with ISU staff and faculty
All international travel and shipment services
Costs related to admission and management tools
Liability insurance coverage for SSP participants
Covered by LOC
Costs related to LOC tasks and responsibilities
Sponsorship of local team projects
Full scholarship for two participants to attend the SSP the year prior
Recruitment of at least 15 full-paying local participants
Expenses of local chairs, local lecturers, and local staff
Lodging expenses during ISU delegation's pre-selection site visit

→ For specific questions about the task distribution and cost sharing, please contact ssp.director@isunet.edu

* Cost sharing between ISU and LOC varies depending on the host site and can be adopted in the Host Site Proposal.

What's next?

Interested in hosting an ISU SSP?

Establish your Local Organizing Committee (LOC), pick your dates and send your Letter of Interest by **1 June 2024** to

ssp.director@isunet.edu

For more information, [click here!](#)

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