

SDSS-V + AS5 Joining Incentive

To enable more scientific activity (workshops, travel for students, scholarships) within SDSS-V, and to encourage new institutions interested in AS5 to join the SDSS science collaboration now, we are announcing the following incentive system for institutions newly joining (or increasing their membership in) SDSS-V and AS5 together.

Institutions that simultaneously sign MOUs joining SDSS-V and AS5 together are eligible for a discount on SDSS-V, joining at a cost of \$90k per slot or \$450k for a full institutional membership (compared to the full cost of \$230k per slot or \$1.15M for full institutional membership).

To take advantage of this incentive, an institution must commit to contributing at least \$125k per slot in cash contribution to AS5. (While the currently anticipated cost for joining AS5 is \$250k per slot, this may be reduced by seed-funding incentives or in-kind contributions.)

The schedule of payments will be such that the SDSS-V membership portion will be contributed by October 2026 and the AS5 membership portion on the AS5 payment timescale.