

Policies for Joint Membership in After SDSS-4 and SDSS-IV

To complete the fund raising for SDSS-IV, and to encourage new institutions interested in AS4 to join the SDSS science collaboration now, we are announcing the following incentive system for institutions newly joining SDSS-IV and AS4 together.

Institutions that simultaneously sign MOUs joining SDSS-IV and AS4 together are eligible for a 50% discount on SDSS-IV. This cannot be combined with the AS4 seed funding incentive, except as noted in the final paragraph below (i.e. regarding the same slots, an institution may choose to take advantage of joint membership, or the seed funding incentive, but not both).

The schedule of payments will be such that an equivalent of the full SDSS-IV membership price will be contributed by October 2019, with at least 1/3 due within three months of signing the MOUs. Half of these contributions will be credited to SDSS-IV and the other half to AS4 membership.

The remainder of payments will be due in five equal installments between October 2020 and 2024.

For example, an institution joining as a single-slot member to both projects would pay for one slot in AS4 at full price (\$230K), and one slot in SDSS-IV at half price (\$105K), for a total of \$335K. If the MOUs were signed in June 2017, the payments would be due:

September 2017 :: \$70K
October 2018 :: \$70K
October 2019 :: \$70K
October 2020 :: \$25K
October 2021 :: \$25K
October 2022 :: \$25K
October 2023 :: \$25K
October 2024 :: \$25K

The cost would scale with the number of slots for larger memberships, in the ordinary fashion defined in the SDSS-IV Principles of Operation.

For SDSS-IV members who would like to increase their SDSS-IV membership, this arrangement could be used in conjunction with AS4 membership as well. In this case, the SDSS-IV discount would apply to a number of slots up to the number of slots in the AS4 membership. Seed incentives could apply to money paid towards any additional slots in AS4. For example, if a 3-slot member in SDSS-IV chose to become a full institutional member in both SDSS-IV and AS4, they would pay \$210K for SDSS-IV and \$460K for AS4 (to which seed funding incentives

could not apply) and an additional \$690K for AS4 (within which seed funding incentives could be used).