

2026 ISS Sponsorship Opportunities

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The 2026 [Improving Scientific Software Conference \(ISS\)](#) will take place on April 6-10, 2026 in Boulder, CO and virtually. We anticipate 75-125 attendees that include NSF NCAR staff and students at research institutions, universities, and industry who are interested in learning and discussing the latest developments and practices in scientific software.

Software Innovators – \$2,500

- **2 free registrations for the ISS Conference**
- 5-minute vendor presentation during lunch
- Display of logo on signage during all networking events at the conference
- Recognition of sponsor support in social media posts
- Display of logo on event webpage: sea.ucar.edu/iss/2026
- Space for promotional items distribution at the conference

Dynamic Developers – \$1,000

- **1 free registration for the ISS Conference**
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Community Collaborators – \$500

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