

# Grants for School STEM activities

## Royal Society Partnership Grants

Partnership Grants of up to £3000 are available to schools to enable students, aged 5 – 18, to carry out science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) projects.

The application process is in two stages. The first stage opens early in February and close at the end of February No new applications will be allowed once stage 1 has closed. Stage 1 must be started by the teacher (the primary applicant) and the STEM partner will then be invited to contribute to the application. Stage 1 has been designed to allow teachers to submit an expression of interest and is not meant to take a significant amount of time.

[More information and how to apply](#)

## Rolls Royce

This plan should outline an idea for a science or mathematics teaching project that meets a need in your school or college. The project can be in any area of science or the practical application of mathematics. It can be a new idea or a development of something you have been working on for some time. The most important thing is to be innovative and come up with unusual ideas.

[More information and how to apply](#)

## Heritage Lottery – Young Roots

Deadline: Continuous Amount: £10,000 to £50,000

Young Roots is a grant programme designed to engage young people aged 11–25 with their heritage, which could relate to scientific / engineering developments in the past. Young Roots projects stem directly from the interest and ideas of young people, who are supported by youth and heritage organisations to develop skills, build confidence, and connect with their local communities.

There are no application deadlines for this programme – apply anytime.

[More information and how to apply](#)

## IOP School Grant

### Application closing dates

1 February	Projects taking place in the following summer term
1 June	Projects taking place in the following autumn term
1 November	Projects taking place in the following spring term

The scheme is open to all UK educational institutions (schools and colleges) catering for pupils/students in the age range 5-19. Applications from home school groups will also be considered. Applications must be submitted by the educational institution and not by any partners involved with the project. Projects linked to astronomy, space and particle physics are particularly encouraged.

[More information and how to apply](#)



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### Biochemical Society Outreach Grant

Deadline: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Amount: Up to £1,000

Support for scientific outreach events that communicate the excitement of molecular bioscience to young people and the community. Applications are invited for sums up to £1,000 to assist with the direct costs associated with an event and expenses incurred (e.g. transport and/or teacher cover). The Biochemical Society must be acknowledged at the event and in the resources produced. Copies of all materials generated should be submitted to the Society to disseminate to others where appropriate. A short report of the activity and list of attendees is a condition of the grant.

[More information and how to apply](#)

### Waitrose Community Matters

Deadline: Continuous Amount: Share of £1,000 between 3 causes

Each trading month, Waitrose branches have £1,000 to divide between three local organisations; such as welfare organisations, community groups, schools or local divisions of national charities. Under the scheme, customers nominate organisations, with the final decision made by PartnerVoice forums (Waitrose's local democratic bodies). Each branch will have a Community Matters Champion, who will find out about potential beneficiaries.

[More information and how to apply](#)

### RSC Outreach Fund

Deadline: 12 noon on Monday 14 May 2018. Amount: Small grants: up to £2,000, Medium grants: between £2,000 and £10,000, Large grants: between £10,000 and £50,000

The RSC Outreach Fund provides financial support to individuals and organisations in order to enable them to run chemistry-based events and activities for public audiences. Through the fund they can support members, and other advocates, to engage with different audiences, and provide people with an entry point into the chemical sciences.

[More information and how to apply](#)

### British Ecological Society Outreach Grants

Deadline: The round is now **OPEN** with a deadline of **17:00 (BST) Wednesday 21 March 2018**. Please note awards will be made in May, the project start date should therefore be after 20 May 2018. Amount: Up to £2,000

The British Ecological Society encourages its members and others to engage the public with exciting and important aspects of ecology. Projects can be part of a larger scheme, like National Science and Engineering Week, or they can be an individual initiative. The objectives of the grant are to support the development of projects that raise public awareness of and engagement with ecology, stimulate discussion about ecological science and its implications for society, inspire and enthuse people about ecology, especially those not previously interested in ecology and to develop the communications skills of individuals involved.

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### British Pharmacological Society Engagement Grants

Deadline: Engagement grants up to £1,500: Annual call - closes 30 April 2018

Seeding grants up to £250: Open for application all year round. Grants of up to £1500 are available to support innovative pharmacology outreach and public engagement activities.

These grants are available to both BPS members and non-members, including schools and teachers, and the project should usually take place within six months of the application deadline.

[More information and how to apply](#)

### RSC Educational Grants Scheme

Deadline: tbc Amount: Enhanced Equipment: £100 to £500, Chemistry Clubs: Up to £1,000, Partnership of 3: Up to £1,000

Supports projects with the objective of enhancing the learning (and teaching) experience in relation to chemistry for students (and teachers).

- Enhanced Equipment: for equipment that cannot be purchased through a school's mainstream teaching budget and which would enrich the learning experience of students.
- Chemistry Clubs: targeted at activities run at schools/ colleges outside the normal science timetable which may be focussed on generating interest in chemistry.
- Partnership of 3: available to schools, colleges or universities to support activities that bring together at least three different partners to benefit in the delivery or attendance at a chemistry centred outreach activity.

[More information and how to apply](#)

### Society for General Microbiology – Microbiology in Schools Fund

Deadline: There will be two rounds of application per year. Closing dates are 1 April and 1 October.

Grants can be used to support a range of microbiology-related projects. These might include, but are not limited to:

- organising a visit to or from a working microbiologist (no more than £200 in expenses may be claimed per visiting microbiologist)
- running a school- or college-based science week activity (e.g. hands-on or programme of talks)
- supporting microbiology activities in an out-of-school science club
- buying materials and equipment outside of normal department resources to support a microbiology activity
- a class visit to a microbiology laboratory to carry out activities

[More information and how to apply](#)

### IET Education Fund

#### Spring dates

Bids for funding will be accepted 22 January - 6 April 2018 for projects taking place from 1 June 2018. Decisions will be announced week commencing 28 May 2018. **Bids submitted after 6 April will not be considered.**



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### Autumn dates

Bids for funding will be accepted 18 June - 8 October for projects taking place from 1 January 2019. Decisions will be announced week commencing 3 December

The IET Education Fund provides support for local education projects which are endorsed by IET Local Networks. Any organisation capable of developing and delivering UK-based projects which promote STEM subjects to school children can apply for funding, including schools, IET Local Networks and IET TPNs. The funding is for projects that help to encourage UK-based school students aged 5-19 to take an interest in STEM subjects and to consider engineering and technology based courses and careers.

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