Engage Teacher Conference

# Get funded!

## Explore STEM grant opportunities for schools

Discover new ways to finance your ideas. Funding providers are coming together to showcase their STEM grants for schools.

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**Chrissie Maitland, Royal Society of Chemistry**

**Elizabeth Chambers, The Royal Society**

**Kirsty Waterhouse, Learning through Landscapes**

**Susan Matambanadzo, British Science Association**

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## Welcome, please be aware:

- Talks are recorded
- You can ask questions in the chat throughout
- There will be time for questions at the end

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# The Royal Academy of Engineering

**Dominique Sleet**
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www.raeng.org.uk/ingenious

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# A grants scheme for projects wanting to engage the public with engineers and engineering

Eligibility
- UK based organisations
- Engineering focus
- Engage public audiences
- Activities free to access
- Offer engineers training and opportunities in public engagement

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# What does the programme offer?

- £3,000 to £30,000 grants
- Kick-off workshop for awardees
- Evaluation training and support
- Communications and media support
- Networking opportunities

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Annual call out
Applications: July – September
2-stage review process

Funding confirmed: February
Projects: May 2026 – July 2027

Website: raeng.org.uk/ingenious
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Royal Academy of Engineering

# Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship

National programme aimed at supporting **women** A-level and BTEC/OCR (or Scottish equivalent) students from **low-income households** who wish to study computer science or related engineering courses at UK universities.

- Up to £20k over 4 years at university
- Mentoring
- Networking and training

Applications open November-May

Photo credit: Rolls-Royce PLC

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# The Royal Society of Chemistry

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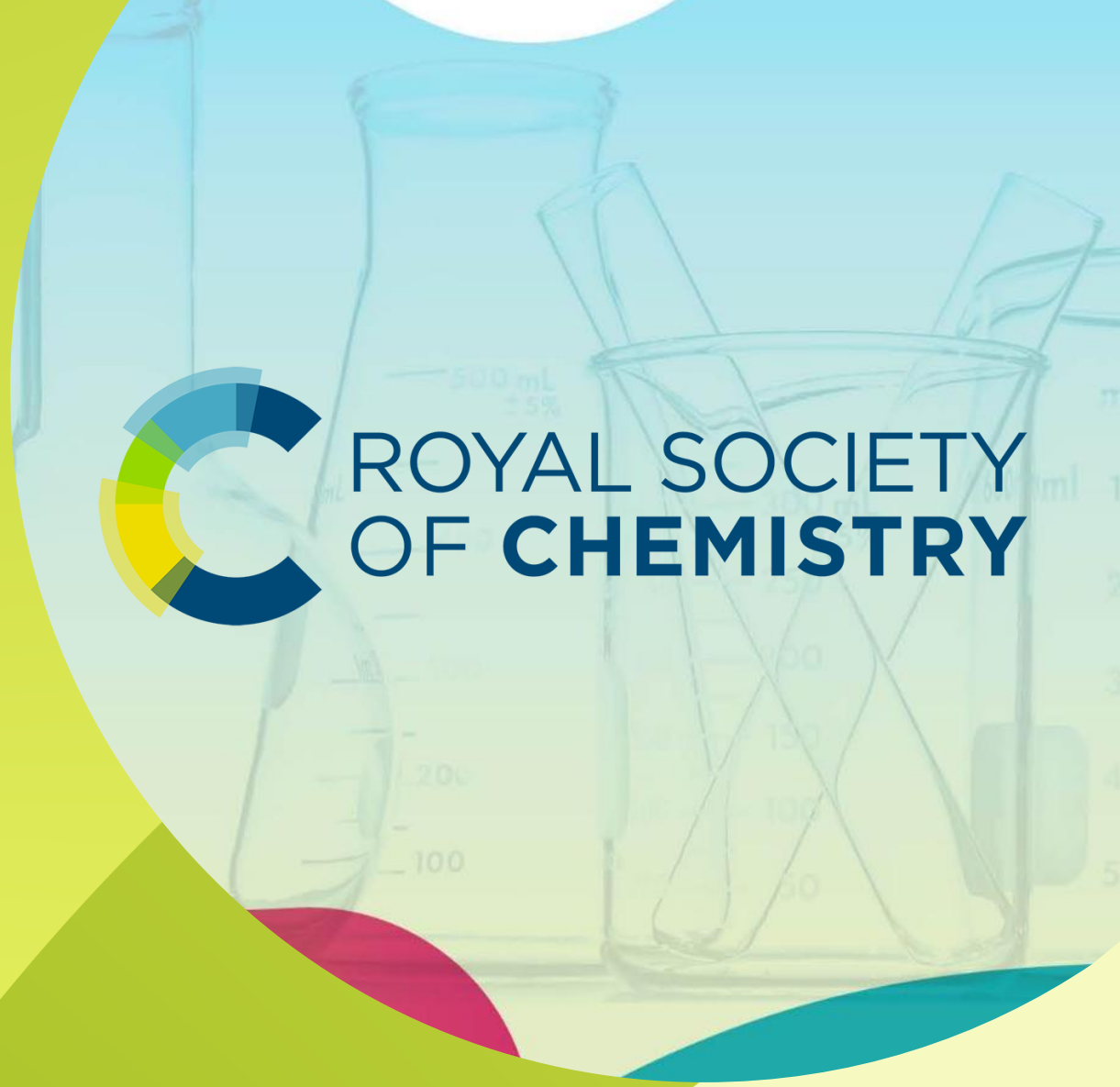

# Outreach fund

- Small grants (of up to £5000) or large grants (up to £10,000)
- Website offers lots of information with support documents, previous projects, and guidance and resources to support your application.
- Three review periods a year (March, June and October) but applications can be submitted at anytime.
- Next application **deadline is Friday 3 October**

# Outreach fund

## What we fund

**We are currently prioritising funding for projects that have one or more of the following outcomes:**

- Under-represented audiences are better connected with or represented by chemical science
- RSC members have opportunities to develop and/or use their engagement skills
- The project or partnership supports positive social outcomes such as an increase in wellbeing, improved confidence, and/or an increased sense of belonging
- Families and intergenerational audiences connect with chemistry in fun, creative and participatory ways
- Adults engage with chemists and chemistry to empower them to access, connect and respond to chemistry and societal issues

# Other funds – Applications open in 2026

**Teacher empowerment fund**

- One for secondary and one for primary teachers
- £600
- Supports teachers to run their own events locally
- Focus on sharing good practice

**Elevating Chemistry**

- Funding for secondary teachers to support their learners
- Up to £2000 for a 1-year project or £3000 for a 2-year project
- Projects are designed and run by the schools to meet learner needs
- Focus on supporting literacy, numeracy, practical work or careers

# Chemistry Week 10 – 16 November 2025

*Join us to celebrate **Chemistry Taking Action** during Chemistry Week this November and showcase the chemical sciences and its professionals making a difference to people, communities and the world we live in.*

*You can share your activity on social media during Chemistry Week using #ChemistryWeek.*

*If you want to get involved but are not sure where to start:*

- *Explore our Science outreach: activities and resources | RSC Education*
- *See our careers resources A Future in Chemistry | RSC Education*

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# The Royal Society


**Elizabeth Chambers**
Schools Engagement Officer

www.royalsociety.org/partnership

# The Royal Society's Partnership Grants

The Partnership Grants scheme supports:

- UK schools and colleges to develop a sustained partnership with STEM professionals from academia or industry.
- A grant of up to £3,000, used by the school/college to enable the running of an open-ended investigative project, undertaken by the students with support from the STEM professionals.
- The scheme is open to any registered school or college covering 5-18 education.
- Tomorrow's Climate Scientist is an extension to the Partnership Grants scheme, funding projects researching into climate change and biodiversity loss locally.

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# What can the funding be used for?

A large majority of the grant should be used for equipment to run the investigations.

Examples:

- Microscopes
- Chemicals for DNA analysis
- Micro:bits
- Solar panels
- Weather station
- 3-D printers

Things you would not normally find in the classroom / science department

A small proportion of the grant can be used for travel

A small proportion of the grant can be used for teacher CPD / training

A small proportion of the grant can be used for teacher cover

*Cannot be used for 3rd party schemes or competitions.

# Application timelines

The 2025 funding round is already open, and will remain open across the year with three deadlines to get your application submitted for:

| Submission deadline | Projects may start from |
|---|---|
| End of April 2025 | October 2025 |
| Mid July 2025 | January 2026 |
| Start of December 2025 | April 2026 |

The school or college puts in the application, but the form needs to be completed with support from a lead STEM partner and the headteacher / principle

The application forms consists of 2 stages:

- Stage 1 – eligibility check (basic details)
- Stage 2 – detailed plans (timeline, budget etc) and counter signatures

# What are the benefits of the Partnership Grants?


Projects funded between 2021 - 2024

- £3,000 funding – can use equipment purchased for other things.
- Support the curriculum – choose your own topic including cross-curricular projects to support your curriculum and/or interests.
- Develop students' skills – scientific process/working scientifically, communication, teamworking and data skills etc.
- Support your careers targets – help students meet a range of STEM professionals and learn what they do in their jobs.
- Not a standardly competitive process – lots of support for schools and colleges interested in applying.
- Opportunities to raise your profile – share your grant work wider at events, in-person and online or with support from the Society's press team.

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# Learning through Landscapes

**Kirsty Waterhouse**
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# Local School Nature Grants

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**The Offer**

- Early Years, Infant, Primary and Secondary settings
- England, Scotland & Wales
- Outdoor resources (£500 worth to spend)
- Climate Curriculum Kit (worth £150)
- 2 hour staff CPD session
- Climate survey of outdoor space
- Webinars
- LtL membership for a year

https://naturegrants.ltl.org.uk/

https://ltl.org.uk/newsletter-sign-up/

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What we are looking for from an application?

- Passionate learners
- Pupil involvement
- Equipment
- Local community

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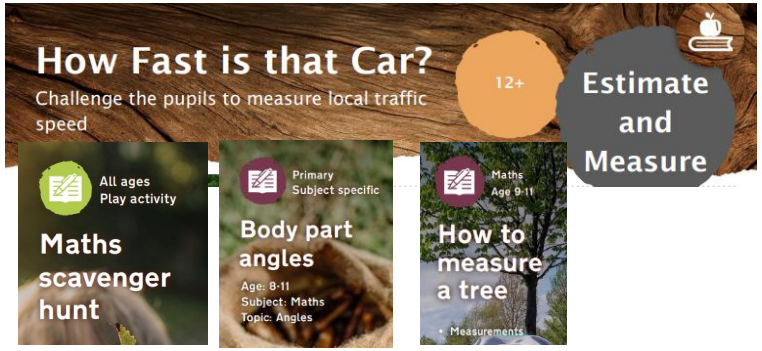
https://ltl.org.uk/free-resources/

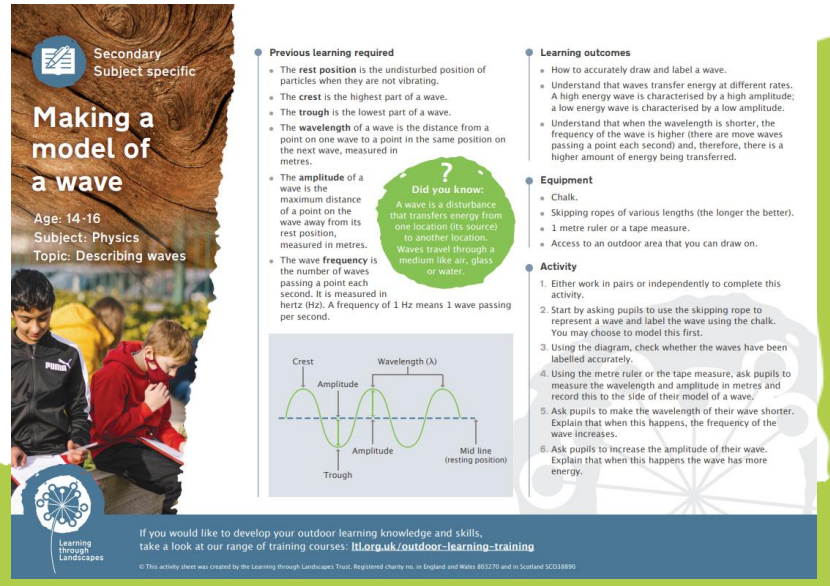








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# Engage funding British Science Association


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# Engage funding

Support for UK **schools in challenging circumstances** to run **CREST Awards** with **students who are underrepresented in STEM**.

**Engage Grant** = £350 grant money + £350 of CREST Awards

**Engage Simply CREST** = £350 of CREST Awards


**OPENS: September 2025**

# CREST Awards

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**British Science Association's CREST Awards spark curiosity, build confidence, and connect young people with real-world STEM.**

- Open-ended project activities
- Free resources
- Flexible and adaptable
- Non-competitive
- Certified with a CREST certificate
- 5 levels
- Starting at £1/pupil

£350 of CREST Awards

www.crestawards.org

# Engage Grants



## How can you spend the £350 Engage Grant?

- Equipment, materials/consumables for CREST activities
- Teacher cover
- CPD for school staff
- A delivery partner to assist with running the projects
- Speakers or presenters
- Additional CREST Award fees (over and above the free £350 )


**www.crestawards.org/engage/funding**

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# School eligibility

- Non-selective UK state **schools** only
- The school meets at least one of the following additional criteria:
    1. A minimum of 30% of pupils are eligible for Free School Meals or equivalent [Scotland: SIMD quintile 1]
    2. A minimum of 30% of pupils are from ethnic minority backgrounds
    3. The school is based in a remote and rural location

# Priorities

- Support for young people from underrepresented groups to earn CREST Awards
- Engagement of whole classes/year groups
- Cross curricular plans
- Engagement *outside* of traditional contexts like lessons and STEM clubs

**www.crestawards.org/engage/funding**

# Any questions?

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## Or get in touch with todays speakers:

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# Thank you

Complete the **5-minute feedback form** for the chance to win one of ten **£10 Amazon vouchers**!
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