# **Engage Grant application questions**

To apply for the Engage Grants, please visit: [www.crestawards.org/engage/funding](http://www.crestawards.org/engage/funding). You are encouraged to review the full eligibility details and guidance before applying.

**The document is an overview of the questions that are asked on the application form. You may wish to use it as a guide to draft your responses offline, or to help with your planning before you submit your application.**

Applications must be submitted using the [online form](https://www.tfaforms.com/5192974) before **5.00 pm** on **14 October 2025.** Applications will **not** be accepted by email.

If you have any questions, please get in touch at [crest@britishscienceassociation.org](mailto:crest@britishscienceassociation.org).

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**Contact Information**

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Job Title\*

Work Email\*

Work Phone\*

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**Eligibility**

Do you represent a UK-based school, college or Ofsted-registered Early Years setting [nursery or preschool], that is state-funded\* and not academically selective? \* *Yes*

\*Registered Independent Special Schools and Alternative Provision settings that receive local authority funding for pupil places are also eligible.  
  
**We cannot accept applications from unregistered education settings, non-school organisations, or from private schools.** Read more about the eligibility criteria [here](https://www.crestawards.org/engage/funding#Eligibility).

**In order to be eligible for Engage Grants for CREST Awards, your school must meet at least one of the following criteria:**

My school has over 30% pupils eligible for free school meals (FSM)\*, or equivalent\*  *Yes/No*

Actual Percentage.\*

\*Eligibility outside of a universal free school meals policy  
This criteria applies to your school if:

* In **England**, you have 30% of pupils, or above, that are eligible for free school meals or pupil premium;
* In **Wales**, you have 30% of pupils, or above, that are eligible for free school meals;
* In **Scotland**, over 30% of your pupils are living in the top 20% most deprived areas according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD quintile 1);
* In **Northern Ireland**, you have 30% of pupils, or above, that are eligible for free school meals.

My school has over 30% of pupils from minority ethnic backgrounds.\*  *Yes/No*

Actual Percentage\*

Minority ethnic backgrounds include all pupils who don’t self-describe as White British. It includes Irish, except in Northern Ireland.

My school is in a designated rural postcode.\* *Yes/No*

You can look up whether your school's postcode classifies as rural via this link: [www.ukpostcodecheck.com](http://www.ukpostcodecheck.com)

Is there anything else about your school (e.g. student demographics, location, circumstances) that you'd like to tell us? *(100 words max.)*

The Engage Grant is exclusively available to members of the British Science Association (BSA)’s Engage Teacher Network. If you are not already a member, when you submit this application we will add you to the network so you can start receiving the great benefits available to members: the chance to share expertise and best practice with 2500+ teachers who are working in schools in challenging circumstances, access to the latest science engagement resources, and the annual Engage Teacher Conference. As a member of the network, the BSA will get in touch with you via email to notify you about relevant news, grants, networking and partnership opportunities.

Do you consent to your email being used in this way? \* *Yes*

If you change your mind, you can unsubscribe at any time. Your details will not be used for any purposes other than this. Please see our [privacy policy](https://www.britishscienceassociation.org/privacy-information#Engageteachernetwork) for more information on how we use and store your data.

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**School Details**

School Name\*

Address\*

Region / nation of UK\*

What is your school's unique reference number?\*

English schools can search [here](https://get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/)   
Welsh schools can search [here](https://mylocalschool.gov.wales/)   
Scottish schools can search [here](https://education.gov.scot/inspection-and-review/find-an-inspection-report/find-an-inspection-report/)   
Northern Irish schools can search [here](https://apps.education-ni.gov.uk/appinstitutes/default.aspx)

Are you applying to run CREST at\*

* *Nursery/ Pre-school*
* *Primary School (Mainstream - including either Infant or Junior)*
* *Secondary School (Mainstream - including middle school or UTC)*
* *SEN School (including primary, secondary, and all through)*
* *Alternative Provision Unit (including PRU or hospital school)*
* *Post-16 college*
* *Other*

Has your school or organisation run the CREST Awards before?\* *Yes/No/Unsure*

Is your school part of a group of two or more schools run by an academy trust?\* *Yes/No/Unsure*

(If yes) Name of your multi-academy trust

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**Participants**

Please describe how you will reach students typically underrepresented in STEM subjects. We prioritise funding CREST Award activities that are designed to:

* Involve and support children and young people eligible for free school meals (or equivalent), from ethnic minority backgrounds, with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) or from any other groups of young people more likely to be underrepresented in STEM.
* Support girls to develop their STEM skills, understanding and passions.
* Engage children and young people with lower prior attainment or in mixed attainment science groupings, and those who wouldn’t normally choose to participate in STEM activities.
* Engage whole classes or whole year groups.
* Engage children and young people *outside* of traditional science contexts like STEM clubs and lessons.
* Involve collaboration between science and other subject areas, particularly if it is outside STEM (e.g. history, art, music); are cross-curricular.

Which young people will your proposed activity aim to reach?\* *(300 words max.)*

See an example of what we're looking for [here](https://www.crestawards.org/media/y4uclarc/engage-grant-application-exemplar-answers-25-26.pdf#page=4).

How will you ensure children and/or young people most likely to be underrepresented in STEM are encouraged and supported to participate?\* *(300 words max.)*

See an example of what we're looking for [here](https://www.crestawards.org/media/y4uclarc/engage-grant-application-exemplar-answers-25-26.pdf#page=5).

When do you plan to do the CREST project work? \*

* *Curriculum time*
* *Drop-down/off-timetable day*
* *After school or during lunch break*
* *I don’t know yet*
* *Other*

What age group do you plan to run CREST Awards with?\*

* *Under 11*
* *11-14*
* *14-16*
* *16-19*
* *Multiple age ranges*

If you are working with more than one of the above age groups, please mention this in the question below.

Please provide a brief description of the CREST activity(ies) you are proposing to run.\* *(500 words max)*

See an example of what we're looking for [here](https://www.crestawards.org/s/Engage-Grant-application-exemplar-answers.pdf#page=4).

See an example of what we're looking for [here](https://www.crestawards.org/media/y4uclarc/engage-grant-application-exemplar-answers-25-26.pdf#page=7).

If you are unable to run your planned activity(ies) due to staff or wider school changes, what is your contingency plan?\* *(300 words max)*

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**Budget**

The grant will consist of £350 to pay for resources plus a voucher code worth up to £350 to use towards CREST Award fees.

Please provide details about how you would use the £350 of funding for resources.\* *(300 words max.)*

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For example: you may choose to spend this on CPD for school staff, supply teacher cover, consumables or equipment, or a delivery partner to assist with running the project. NB. Funding may not be used to cover the cost of textbooks or equipment required to deliver the core curriculum in schools, large equipment such as microscopes or computers, on-going salary costs, costs that are already covered by other funding, general running costs and overheads that are paid for by other income.

See an example of what we're looking for [here](https://www.crestawards.org/media/y4uclarc/engage-grant-application-exemplar-answers-25-26.pdf#page=8).

**Award Levels**

If you do not know the exact numbers, please provide an estimate.

If you are unsure about the Awards levels, find out more [here](https://www.crestawards.org/about-crest/levels/).

How many students will you run Star Awards with? (typical age 5 - 7)\*

How many students will you run SuperStar Awards with? (typical age 7 - 11)\*

How many students will you run Discovery Awards with? (typical age 10 -14)\*

How many students will you run Bronze Awards with? (typical age 11 - 14)\*

How many students will you run Silver Awards with? (typical age 14+)\*

How many students will you run Gold Awards with? (typical age 16+)\*

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**Project Timelines**

Please note that all CREST Awards need to be submitted by 31st July 2026. You can do this by using the link here: <https://apply.crestawards.org/>

When do you plan to start the CREST Awards?\* *MM/DD/YYYY*

When do you plan to complete the CREST Awards?\* *MM/DD/YYYY*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information**

We ask for your financial details to pay the grant into your school's or organisation's bank account if you are successful. If you are unsuccessful we will delete financial data after a year. Please read our [privacy policy](https://www.britishscienceassociation.org/privacy-information#_Toc514835960) for more details.

**Please verify your bank details with your Finance team before submitting this application. Incorrect bank information will delay the payment of your grant.**

Bank or Building Society?\*

Account Name\*

The Account Name used must match those of the account holder, in line with the records held by your Bank. NOTE: this is not the institution name (e.g. **not**'Barclays' or  'Lloyds')

Account Number\*

Sort Code\*

Roll/Reference number\* (Building Society only)

Details for remittance advice\*

We strongly encourage you to include information that will help your Finance team/Council/Academy to identify and correctly allocate a payment from the BSA, in the Remittance advice details box. This could be an internal reference, the name of a teacher or your school.

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**Contacts for remittance advice**

You have the option of adding a Finance, Building Society, Bursar/Local Authority contacts.  For each you will need to provide:

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Work Email\*

Work Phone\*

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**Additional Information**

**Share your great work**

We aim to share good practice and inspiring stories about running CREST within the Engage Teacher Network, on our website, and with our funders. Should your application be successful, would you be interested in being involved in developing a case study about your CREST experience or receiving a visitor to your school (BSA staff or VIPs such as MPs and funders) while your students are working on their CREST projects?\*  *Yes/No*

**This will not affect your application** and is only an indication of interest. You would be contacted again by email if/when an opportunity arises for a visit or to develop a case study with us.

**Education Newsletter**

Would you like to subscribe to the BSA's monthly education newsletter to hear about the latest news, upcoming events and ways to get involved with the BSA’s programmes designed for young people and educators?\*  *Yes/No*

If you change your mind, you can unsubscribe at any time. Your details will not be used for any purpose other than this newsletter. You can read our [privacy policy](https://www.britishscienceassociation.org/privacy-information#_Toc514835946) for more details.

**CREST Star and Superstar kit box offer**

The BSA has developed CREST kit boxes that include project equipment, printed resources and CREST Award certificates - everything you need to run CREST with a class of 30 children.  
  
We are working with partners in order to be able to offer free kit boxes to members of the [**Engage Teacher Network**](https://www.crestawards.org/engage)**.**Register your interest here, and when we have kit boxes available we will get in touch with eligible schools. Priority will be given to **primary schools**, although we will consider secondary schools who would like to work with their feeder schools.

* *I would like the chance to receive a****free CREST Star Kit Box****with CREST Awards for****30 students aged 3-7****(or working at that level).*
* *I would like the chance to receive a****free CREST SuperStar Kit Box****with CREST Awards for****30 students aged 7-11****(or working at that level).*

This will not affect your grant application. Find out more about the CREST kit boxes [here](https://www.crestawards.org/engage/kit-box/).

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**Terms and Conditions**I agree to the terms and conditions\* *Yes*

**By submitting a request for a grant to the British Science Association, the organisation named in the request (referred to as ‘you’ in these Terms and Conditions) agrees, if awarded a grant, to:**1.1 hold the grant on trust for the British Science Association (referred to as ‘we’ or ‘us’) and use it on a project which enables young people to work towards a CREST Award. The money must be spent on resources, materials and costs necessary for the CREST project;  1.2 submit the students’ project(s) for a CREST Award using the voucher code before the end of the academic year (31 July 2026);     
1.3 complete an organiser/teacher feedback questionnaire (provided by the British Science Association) after completing the CREST Awards and contribute to any programme evaluation conducted by or on behalf of the British Science Association, including but not limited to participating in an interview or focus group;   
1.4 facilitate the completion of student feedback questionnaires (provided by the British Science Association) by the pupil participants, after completing the CREST Awards, and submit/return the completed questionnaires to the British Science Association head office after the event/activity as instructed;   
1.5 act lawfully in carrying out your event/activity, in accordance with best practice and guidance from your regulators, and follow any guidelines issued by us about the use of the grant;   
1.6 hold the grant in a UK based bank or building society account which satisfies our requirements as set out in our guidelines;   
  
1.7 immediately return any part of the grant that is not used for the CREST Award event/activities or constitutes unlawful state aid;   
  
1.8 where your event/activity involves working with children, young people or adults at risk, adopt and implement an appropriate written safeguarding policy, obtain written consent from legal carers or guardians and carry out background checks for all employees, volunteers, trustees or contractors as required by law;   
  
1.9 comply with data protection laws and obtain the consent of your beneficiaries for us and you to receive and process their personal information.   
  
1.10 keep accurate and comprehensive records about your event/activityboth during the event/activity and for seven years afterwards and provide us on request with copies of those records and evidence of expenditure of the grant, such as original receipts and bank statements;   
  
1.11 allow us reasonable access to your premises and systems to inspect event/activity and grant records;   
  
1.12 the British Science Association publicising and sharing information about you and your event/activity including your name and images of event/activities. You hereby grant us a royalty free licence to reproduce and publish any event/activity information you give us. You will let us know when you provide the information if you don’t have permission for us to use it in this way;   
  
1.13 you, or someone from your organisation, will inform us immediately of any safeguarding incident or allegation involving a member of your organisation project staff, volunteers or agents which occurs within the project. You will inform us immediately in the event of an investigation against your organisation or a staff member or volunteer by the police or a regulatory body which relates to the grant funded project/activities. 

**2. You acknowledge that:**2.1 we will not increase the grant if you spend more than the agreed budget;   
  
2.2 if the provided bank account details (including account name, account number and sort code), are incorrect, your grant payment may be significantly delayed or your grant offer may be withdrawn;  
  
2.3 the grant is not consideration for any taxable supply for VAT purposes;   
  
2.4 we have no liability for any costs or consequences incurred by you or third parties that arise directly or indirectly from the project, nor from nonpayment or withdrawal of the grant, save to the extent required by law;   
  
2.5 the British Science Association will not be held responsible or liable for any consequences, whether direct or indirect to any loss or damage, personal or otherwise, injury or death, however arising, in grant-funded events and activities. Grant recipients are responsible for taking out any public liability or other insurance necessary to cover the activities;   
  
2.6 these Terms and Conditions will continue to apply for one year after the grant is paid or until the project has been completed, whichever is later. Clauses 1.7, 1.10, 1.11, 1.12, 2.4 and 2.5 shall survive expiry of these Terms and Conditions; and   
  
2.7 if the application and grant award are made electronically, the agreement between us shall be deemed to be in writing and your online acceptance of these Terms and Conditions shall be deemed to be a signature of that agreement.