# **Engage Simply CREST Application Questions**

To apply for Engage Simply CREST, 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/5192979) 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\*

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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 the Engage Simply CREST support, your school or organisation must meet at least one of the following criteria:

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

\*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*

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 Simply CREST support is exclusively available to members of the British Science Association (BSA)’s [Engage Teacher Network](https://www.crestawards.org/engage). 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 our annual 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 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**

Which of the following groups of young people will you target for involvement in the CREST activities?\*

* *Young people eligible for free school meals or equivalent*
* *Young people from ethnic minority backgrounds*
* *Young people with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND)*
* *Girls*
* *Young people with lower prior attainment or in mixed attainment science groupings*
* *Young people who wouldn't normally choose to participate in science or STEM activities*
* *Other group(s) of young people underrepresented in STEM*

How will young people from these target groups be supported to take part?\* *(100 words max.)*

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

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**CREST Activities**

Briefly describe the CREST activity(ies) you are considering running\* *(200 words max.)*

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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*

**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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**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**

Subscribe to our 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. If you change your mind, you can unsubscribe at any time. Your details will not be used for any purpose other than this newsletter.\*  *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 the grant, to:**

1.1 hold the grant (in the form of a voucher) on trust for the British Science Association (referred to as ‘we’ or ‘us’) to be redeemed for payment toward CREST Award fees that are due upon submission of CREST Awards; 1.2 submit the students’ project(s) for a CREST Award using the voucher 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 forms (provided by the British Science Association) by 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; 1.6 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; and 1.7 comply with data protection laws and obtain the consent of your beneficiaries for us and you to receive and process their personal information; 1.8 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;  1.9 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 value of the voucher (grant) if you spend more than the agreed budget;   
  
2.2 the voucher (grant) is not consideration for any taxable supply for VAT purposes;   
  
2.3 we have no liability for any costs or consequences incurred by you or third parties that arise directly or indirectly from the CREST Award activity;     
  
2.4 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. Schools in receipt of funding are responsible for taking out any public liability or other insurance necessary to cover the activities;    
  
2.5 these Terms and Conditions will continue to apply for one year after the voucher (grant) is provided or until the CREST Award activities have been completed, whichever is later. Clauses 1.8, 2.3 and 2.4 shall survive expiry of these Terms and Conditions; and    
  
2.6 if the application and grant funding 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.