

Grants (and free stuff) for schools

Here are some places that offer grants/ funding opportunities for schools. We'd love to hear if you know of other opportunities too!

British Science Week grants

Kick Start Grants

This scheme offers grants for schools in challenging circumstances to organise their own events as part of British Science Week. There are four options available:

- **Kick Start Youth grant:** A grant of £150 for your school to run an activity organised by students aged 10-19
- **Kick Start grant:** A grant of £300 for your school to run an activity for students at your school
- **Kick Start More grant:** A grant of £700 for your school to run an activity which involves your students and the local community
- **Kick Start grant + Youth grant:** A grant of £450 for your school to run an activity for British Science Week as well as an additional activity organised and delivered by students aged 10-19

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/about-us/grants/>

Engineering with IET

<https://education.theiet.org/support/funding/funding-schemes-and-bursaries/>

Crest Awards

If anyone wants to do Crest awards, there are bursaries for schools serving areas of deprivation -

<https://help.crestawards.org/portal/en/kb/articles/crest-for-underrepresented-audiences-funding>

Institute of Physics

School Grants Scheme

Grants of up to £600 for projects, events and activities that promote a greater interest in physics and engineering in young people.

<https://www.iop.org/about/support-grants/school-grants-scheme>

Deadlines for applications

- 1 February (for projects taking place in the following summer term)
- 1 June (for projects taking place in the following autumn term)
- 1 November (for projects taking place in the following spring term)

Royal Society partnership grants

Partnership Grants

Up to £3,000 are available to UK schools and colleges to carry out investigative STEM research projects in their classrooms in partnership with a STEM professional from academia or industry. The grants are designed to help schools and colleges purchase equipment to run these projects. The scheme is open to both primary and secondary schools, including sixth form colleges.

Due to COVID-19 the deadlines for the 2021 round have been extended. The first round of grant allocations will take place at the end of June with funding available to schools from September. The second round of grant allocations will take place at the end of November with funding available from January 2022.

To help teachers and STEM partners with the application process, free online training sessions are being run until the end of October. [Book now](#) to learn more about the scheme and to receive tips about how to make your application stand out.

<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/partnership-grants/>

Northumbria University/ NUSTEM could help.

Royal society Tomorrow's climate scientist grants

Tomorrow's climate scientists is an extension to the Society's school funding programme [Partnership Grants](#). Introduced in 2020, Tomorrow's climate scientists aims to give students across the UK not just a voice, but an opportunity to take action themselves to address climate and biodiversity issues – to become the climate scientists of tomorrow.

<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/partnership-grants/tomorrows-climate-scientists/>

Shine Trust

Not necessarily STEM, but could be - <https://shinetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/let-teachers-shine/> Good focus on the NE.

Royal Institution Science in Schools grant scheme

Ri Science in Schools grants are awarded annually and offer free visits from our professional presenters worth £800.

Our [Science in Schools](#) days are designed to support children's science education, meet CPD requirements for teachers, engage families, and raise funds for your school.

To apply for a fully funded school visit, you need to be:

- From a state-funded primary or secondary school, academy, or maintained school in the UK (shows can be adapted for ages 4-7, 7-11, or 11-14)
- A member of the school staff who is involved in teaching a STEM subject in the school
- Able to demonstrate that your students would not otherwise have access to this opportunity

Non-financial help

B & Q Community Re-use

B&Q stores have been donating unsellable materials and products to local community groups for many years. It's a great way to reduce waste whilst helping the community.

<https://www.diy.com/responsible-business/waste-donation>

Community Repaint

Community RePaint is a UK wide paint reuse network, sponsored by [Dulux](#), that aims to collect this leftover paint and redistribute it to benefit individuals, families, communities and charities in need at an affordable cost. You can search for your local provider here: <https://communityrepaint.org.uk/need-paint/find-your-nearest-scheme/>

Greggs Breakfast clubs

If you are from a primary school and are interested in applying for a breakfast club, please see the qualifying criteria below:

- The applicant organisation must be a primary school in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland
- We will be opening new shops in Torquay, Plymouth Teignmouth and Paignton in 2018 and would welcome primary schools in this area to apply
- At least 40 per cent of the pupils at the school should be eligible to claim free school meals
- The school should demonstrate a commitment to engaging parents or other volunteers
- The breakfast club must be offered for free to ensure all pupils can attend

<https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/breakfast-clubs/how-to-apply>

Growseed

We are pleased to introduce our free seeds for school project. From class science projects, school garden clubs or a class activity we are more than happy to provide your school free seeds. Where possible a link in return to Growseed would be great but not required to take part.

<https://www.growseed.co.uk/seeds-for-schools.html>

Woodland Trust Free trees for schools and communities

We want to make sure everybody in the UK has the chance to plant a tree. So we're giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to schools and communities. Together, we'll get millions more trees in the ground. We have two delivery periods per year, one in March and the other in November. We are currently taking applications for trees to be delivered in NOVEMBER 2021.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>

Bid writing courses for schools

https://www.getgrants.org.uk/schools-courses/?utm_source=British%20Science%20Association&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11025865_November%20Education%20Newsletter&dm_i=1SS9,6KBM1,S2CSQC,Q4OQL,1

Lists of other grants available

<https://www.see-science.co.uk/whats-on/grants/>

<https://www.grants4schools.info/>

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/national-grants/>

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10k>

<https://www.sciencecentres.org.uk/resources/stem-clubs/selected-funders-and-their-grants/>