



## British Science Week Kick Start Grants for Schools 2018

### Which grant should you apply for?

There are two types available to schools organising events in British Science Week:

1. **Kick Start grant:** A grant of up to **£300** for your school to run an activity during BSW
2. **Kick Start More grant:** A grant of up to **£700** for your school to host a science event or activity which involves your students and the local community. The community can comprise of families/carers, children at other schools, members of local community groups, local businesses and the local press.

### What are the selection criteria?

Kick Start grants are funded by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to support schools in challenging circumstances to organise STEM activities.

The fund is open to schools in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland (including special schools, early years education providers and pupil referral units).

For both grants, eligible schools **must fulfil one or more of the following criteria:**

- over 30% of pupils eligible for pupil premium, early years pupil premium or equivalent
- over 30% of pupils from Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds
- be a small school based in a remote and rural location\*.

\* Remote and rural schools are in postcodes listed as Rural under the government's Rural Urban classification system. You can look up your school's classification at [www.education.gov.uk/edubase](http://www.education.gov.uk/edubase)

### British Science Association's wider priorities

We will prioritise applications that demonstrate a fit with the British Science Association's vision of making science a fundamental part of culture. This could mean that your event:

- is embedded in your local community
- supports the idea that science is more than just a subject in school, by showcasing science's role in everyday life or challenging the idea that science is separate from culture
- is cross-curricular and involves teachers, professionals or organisations from outside science
- improves understanding of the range of careers studying STEM subjects can lead to
- encourages ongoing activities e.g. by launching a STEM club to do CREST Star or CREST Awards
- reaches students and/or members of the local community who do not usually participate in science events

## What can the grant money be spent on?

Grant money can be used for CREST Awards entry fees, consumables, equipment, field trips, speakers, presenters, outreach shows or other costs of activities or events celebrating BSW.

Grant money **cannot be spent** on large competition prizes, large non-consumable equipment (e.g. microscopes or computers), on-going salary costs, costs that are already covered by other funding including general running costs and overheads. The majority of the grant cannot be spent on refreshments.

### There are no restrictions on the activities but they could include:

- activities from our activity packs [www.britishtscienceweek.org/activity-packs](http://www.britishtscienceweek.org/activity-packs)
- activities during lesson time/assembly/lunch time/after school
- presentations from invited speakers on science and/or engineering topics – see our advice on [britishtscienceweek.org/find-a-presenter](http://britishtscienceweek.org/find-a-presenter)
- field trips to local science centres, museums or university science departments.
- student led interactive displays, demonstrations or investigations for parents or other schools
- busking displays run by students in public venues, such as a supermarket, park or high street
- fetes or family days
- mini festivals or science fairs

## What will we ask for in your application?

You will be asked to provide the following information in your application:

### Event description (300 words maximum)

Give a brief outline of the activities you will be running and the audiences you will target.

### Event objectives (300 words maximum)

Your objectives should include how you will ensure the engagement of your target audience(s) and how your event meets the BSA's wider priorities.

### Event funding

How much money you are applying for

### Budget outline (300 words maximum)

List all the costs involved in your event which you plan to pay for using the grant money.

### Bank account details (either school account or local authority account)

We will ask for the **name, number and sort code** for the account which the grant will be paid into and a reference for the payment. Providing your account details at this stage allows us to pay successful grant applicants immediately, making it easier to organise events.

**Please note:** If the bank details supplied in your application are incorrect, this will significantly delay the payment of your grant and may result in the grant being withdrawn. Financial information is stored on a secure server and will only be used to pay successful grant applicants. Unused details will be deleted.

## Deadlines and payments

The deadline for applications is noon on **Monday 13 November 2018**.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email in December 2017. If successful, payment of the grant will be made directly into the nominated bank account. Payments will be made in December 2017.

Please note, that the British Science Association is not liable for any lost deposits or payments if your grant application is unsuccessful.

## Conditions of the grant

When applying for the Kick Start grant, you are asked to agree to the following conditions:

- The event must fall within British Science Week, 9-18 March 2018
- You must complete a short feedback form (provided by the BSA) after BSW
- The event must be STEM related
- BSW, BEIS and the British Science Association should be correctly acknowledged in any press releases sent out
- The correct logos must be used on any marketing materials produced, either in print or online. You can download them from [www.britishscienceweek.org/logos](http://www.britishscienceweek.org/logos)

**If you are not able to run an event within British Science Week 2018, the grant money will need to be returned to the British Science Association.**

**If the feedback forms are not completed or if your event differs greatly to the event specified in your application, the British Science Association reserves the right to ask for the funding to be returned.**

Please ensure you have contingency plans in case of illness or unforeseen circumstances.

## How to apply

All applications must be made online: [www.britishscienceweek.org/apply-for-a-grant/](http://www.britishscienceweek.org/apply-for-a-grant/)

You can log in and update your application [www.britishscienceweek.org/my-account/](http://www.britishscienceweek.org/my-account/) up until the deadline of noon on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Please ensure that the email address, telephone number and bank details given are correct. Any mistakes in these will delay payment of the grant.

If you have any questions please email [bsw@britishscienceassociation.org](mailto:bsw@britishscienceassociation.org).

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