

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRIMARY SCIENCE

Note: This list of organisations which fund primary science was compiled by PSTT in August 2020. There are many more regional and national organisations which may provide funding for science in primary schools.

Name of Organisation	Name of Grant	Next Deadline	Amount	Focus of the grant	Website	Future deadlines/additional info
British Ecological Society	Outreach Grant	07/09/20	Up to £2000	Promotion of Ecological science	https://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/funding/outreach-grants/	
Royal Society of Chemistry	Inclusion and Diversity Fund	07/09/20	Up to £5,000	Funding for innovative products, activities and research projects that focus on inclusion and diversity	https://www.rsc.org/awards-funding/funding/inclusion-diversity-fund/#undefined	The grant scheme is open to everyone (individuals and organisations). Will consider individual applications up to the value of £5,000. Funding greater than £5,000 may be considered for one project each year.
Royal Society of Chemistry	Small	14/09/20	Up to £5,000	Focus is on chemistry based public and school engagement activities.	https://www.rsc.org/awards-funding/funding/outreach-fund/	Deadlines were 11th May 2020, 15th June 2020, 13th July 2020, 10th August 2020 and 14th September 2020.
Royal Society of Chemistry	Large	14/09/20	£2,000 to £10,000	Focus is on chemistry based public and school engagement activities.	https://www.rsc.org/awards-funding/funding/outreach-fund/	Details of Application are included in Operations. Deadlines were 11th May 2020, 15th June 2020, 13th July 2020, 10th August 2020 and 14th September 2020.
Microbiology Society	Education and Outreach Grants	01/10/20	Up to £1000	Microbiology - relevant science teaching or promotion initiatives, or to support developments likely to lead to an improvement in the teaching of any aspect of microbiology.	https://microbiologysociety.org/grants/all-grants-prizes/education-and-outreach-grants.html	

The Shine Trust	The Shine Trust	01/10/20	£20,000 - £100,000	Must be from North East, North West or Yorkshire and Humber with focus on innovative solutions to education challenges for children from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds.	https://shinetrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/SNG-FAQs-for-Applicants-2019-1.pdf	Deadlines for submitting draft applications are usually around the end of January, the end of April, and the end of October each year; exact dates will be confirmed once you have submitted an initial enquiry. MUST EMAIL ENQUIRY/OUTLINE BEFORE so deadline has been put as early October.
British Society for the History of Science	Outreach and Engagement	09/10/20	Up to £300	Engagement and outreach projects in the history of science .	http://www.bsbs.org.uk/grants	At least one person named on the application must be a member of the BSBS.
Institute of Physics (IOP)	School Grants Scheme	01/11/20	Up to £600	Focus is on events and activities that promote a greater interest in physics and engineering in young people.	http://www.iop.org/about/grants/school/page_38824.html	General Grant Deadlines: 1st February (for projects taking place in the following summer term) 1st June (for projects taking place in the following autumn term) 1st November (for projects taking place in the following spring term)
Woodland Trust	Free Tree Pack	01/11/20	Free Tree Pack	This is not a grant but an opportunity to get a free tree planting pack for your school.	https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/	Packs given out in November so must apply before then. Next give away would be in following March
Sir William Boreman's Foundation	Organisations in Greenwich and Lewisham	05/11/20	One-off awards of up to £5000	Must benefit education of young people in Greenwich or Lewisham.	https://www.thedrapers.co.uk/Charities/Applying-For-A-Grant/SWBF.aspx	Applications accepted all year round and considered 3 times a year. The next dates are 5th November 2020, 2nd February 2021 and 25th May 2021.
Newcomen Collett Foundation	Schools	13/11/20		Borough of Southwark - purchasing equipment and supporting extra curricula activities for the benefit of children and young people.	https://www.newcomencollett.org.uk/organisations.html	Partial funders. Application deadlines for 2020 were 15th May 2020, 21st August 2020 and 13th November 2020. They have temporarily suspended grants to organisations, only accepting from individuals - this

						decision will be reviewed in September.
Royal Society of Chemistry	Enhanced Equipment Grant	15/11/20	Up to £1000	Focus is on improving chemistry equipment.	https://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/BMCS/education-support-group/enhanced-equipment.asp#:~:text=Education%20Support%20Group-Enhanced%20Equipment,or%20secondary%20(chemistry)%20studies.	The application will be made by a teacher at a primary or secondary school for up to £1000 for equipment that cannot be purchased through mainstream teaching budget. Applications are considered 4 times a year. The 2019/2020 dates are 15th November, 15th February, 15th May and 15th August.
Royal Society of Chemistry	Chemistry Club	15/11/20	Up to £1000	Focus is activities run outside the normal science timetable focused on generating interest in chemistry .	https://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/BMCS/education-support-group/chemistry-clubs.asp	The application will be made by a teacher at a primary or secondary school for up to £1000 for activities outside the normal science timetable. Applications are considered 4 times a year. The 2019/2020 dates are 15th November, 15th February, 15th May and 15th August.
The Ogden Trust	Partnership Programme	01/02/21	£2,500 per academic year	Schools would need to become part of partnership. Focus is on the teaching and learning of Physics.	https://www.ogdentrust.com/school-partnerships/forming-a-partnership	Schools would become part of a partnership and then would be eligible to apply to funding. A partnership can apply for up to £2,500 per academic year for the first three years and £1,000 in the fourth year for activities to enhance the teaching and learning of physics . Partnership applications for the academic year 2021/22 will open in September 2020. When applications open, the lead school needs to complete an Expression of Interest by 1st February. Following the expression of interest deadline, there will be an assessment period to

						review all submissions. They will email all lead contacts by 31 March.
Microbiology Society	Microbiology in Society Award	01/04/21	Up to £5000	Education, outreach or public engagement work that promotes the art and science of microbiology	https://microbiologysociety.org/grants/all-grants-prizes/microbiology-in-society-award.html	Membership required. Applications open in January 2021.
AlFayed Charitable Foundation	Children's Causes	Rolling	Unknown	(Very specific focus, won't be relevant to most schools) Focus is on improving the lives of traumatised, impoverished and very sick children.	https://the-acf.com/	Applications to be sent in writing. Won't be a relevant cause for most schools.
Bernard Sunley Foundation	Education Grants	Rolling	Large = £20,000 and above. Medium = up to £20,000 Small = up to £5000	Focus is on children with special needs and disabilities.	http://www.bernardsunley.org/grants/faq	Must be to cover capital costs or the purchase of a vehicle and annual income must be below £10 million. Accept applications from registered charities and specialist schools.
Education Endowment Foundation	Education Endowment Foundation	Rolling	£90,000 and £1.5 million (typically - although there is no upper or lower limit)	High-potential projects aiming to raise the attainment and wider outcomes of 3-18 year-olds, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/how-to-apply/faqs/	
Holmes Hines Memorial Fund	Holmes Hines Memorial Fund	Rolling - but CLOSED at the moment	Unknown	Science or engineering based activities	https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/applicationprocess/routes/pe/holmeshinesfund/	Small awards are available to help individuals or organisations with any scientific or engineering based activities where public funds are not available. EPSRC does not contribute

						to the fund. It is entirely supported by a charitable bequest.
Foyle Foundation	Schools Library Programme	Rolling - suspended for review in September 2020	£1000-£10,000	Library Improvements in Schools - priority given to primary schools.	http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/forms/tbaiSSLS%20IGAM%20Guidelines%20(August%202019).pdf	Only for state funded schools.
The Ogden Trust	Physics Education Grants	Unknown - applications open in September	Up to £5,000	Focus is on the teaching and learning of physics .	https://www.ogdentrust.com/grants-funding/physics-education-grants	Deadline for this year was 17/07/2020.
Ernest Cook Trust	Outdoor Essentials Grants	CLOSED	£500	Essentials for learning outdoors	http://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/ect-outdoor-essentials/	State funded schools only. Closed for now, but further grant information will be available later in 2020. Each year has a different specific theme - this year's was for outdoor clothing/welly boots.
Armourers and Brasiers' Company	Primary School Science	CLOSED (check back again in October)	£600	Purchasing science equipment, science enrichment projects or participation in science events/competitions.	https://www.armourershall.co.uk/funding-grants/support-science-schools	Closed due to Covid-19, check back in October for updates.
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation	Children and Young People	CLOSED (opening time unknown)	Between approx. £100K and £500K in previous years	Focus is on 'Addressing the root causes of low educational attainment and challenging behaviour'.	https://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/children-and-young-people	Meet the minimum requirements to apply. Currently closed for new applications that the organisation doesn't already fund.
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation	Environment	CLOSED (opening time unknown)	Between approx. £100K and £750K in	Focus is on 'connecting people with nature and environment issues'	https://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/environment	Meet the minimum requirements to apply. Currently closed for new applications that the organisation doesn't already fund.

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The Royal Institution	STEM Enrichment and Enhancement (E&E) Grant scheme	CLOSED expected to open in October	£500	Focus is schools to experience a science, technology, engineering or mathematics activity selected from the STEM Directory.	https://www.rigb.org/education/stem-grants	
British Science Week	Kick Start grant	CLOSED for 2020	£300	Science week for schools	https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/about-us/grants/kick-start-grant-scheme/	Must be a state funded, non-selective school. Last years deadline was 5/11/2019. A grant of £300 for your school to run an activity for students at your school (can apply for both this and the Kick Start Youth Grant)
British Science Week	Kick Start Youth grant	CLOSED for 2020	£150	Science week for schools	https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/about-us/grants/kick-start-grant-scheme/	Must be a state funded, non-selective school. Last years deadline was 5/11/2019. A grant of £150 for your school to run an activity organised by students aged 10-19 (can apply for both this and the Kick Start Grant)
British Science Week	Kick Start More grant	CLOSED for 2020	£700	Science week for schools	https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/about-us/grants/kick-start-grant-scheme/	Must be a state funded, non-selective school. Last years deadline was 5/11/2019. A grant of £700 for your school to run an activity which involves your students and the local community.
British Science Week	Kick Start grant + Youth grant	CLOSED for 2020	£450	Science week for schools	https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/about-us/grants/kick-start-grant-scheme/	Must be a state funded, non-selective school. Last year deadline was 5/11/2019. 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.

Microbiology Society	Microbiology Outreach prize	CLOSED for 2020	Up to £500	Microbiology	https://microbiologysociety.org/grants/all-grants-prizes/microbiology-outreach-prize.html	The outreach prize is awarded to those who have been nominated for an outstanding outreach initiative.
Royal Society	Partnership Grants	CLOSED for 2020	Up to £3000	Enable students to carry out science, technology, engineering, mathematics, computing or data science projects.	https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/partnership-grants/	There must be both a school partner and a STEM partner from academia or industry involved in the Partnership Grant.
Millennium Point	Level 2	Closed for 2020 (deadline this year 14/02/20)	£2000 to £20,000	Must be based in West Midlands - championing science, technology, engineering and maths.	http://www.millenniumpoint.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Level-2-Small-Grants-from-%C2%A32001-to-%C2%A320000.pdf	
Millennium Point	Level 1	Closed for 2020 (deadline this year 14/02/20)	Up to £2000	Must be based in West Midlands - championing science, technology, engineering and maths.	http://www.millenniumpoint.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Level-1-Small-Grants-up-to-%C2%A32000.pdf	Must be based in West Midlands - championing science, technology, engineering and maths.
British Education Research Association	BCF Curriculum Investigation Grant	Closed for 2020 (deadline this year 19/06/20)	£3500 to £5000	Research led by schools with a focus on curriculum inquiry and investigation.	https://www.bera.ac.uk/award/bcf-curriculum-investigation-grant	Deadline for this year was 19/06/2020. Primary applicant must be based in a school or college.
CREST	Underrepresented Audiences Funding	Closed for 2020 (deadline this year 22/01/20)	£600	Funding to run CREST awards	https://help.crestawards.org/portal/en/kb/articles/crest-for-underrepresented-audiences-funding	To learn more about CREST Awards: https://www.crestawards.org/why-crest Deadline for this year was 22/01/2020
The Institution for Engineering and Technology	Engineering Education Grant	Closed for 2020 (deadline this year 27/03/20)	up to £5,000 (small number of £15,000)	Educational projects that nurture and support the increase of engineering knowledge among young people. Projects that increase engineering literacy.	https://engineering-education-grants.secure-platform.com/a	Applications to the scheme must be either led by members, have members as co-applicants or have a member advocate

Ford Britain Trust	Small	Closed for 2020 (deadline this year 30/06/20)	up to £250	They pay special attention to projects focusing on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities close to their UK locations.	https://www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford/about-ford/ford-britain-trust	2020 Dates: Applications for small grants from 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020 (for review in July 2020). State funded schools only.
Ford Britain Trust	Large	Closed for 2020 (deadline this year 31/07/20)	£250-£3000	They pay special attention to projects focusing on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities close to their UK locations.	https://www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford/about-ford/ford-britain-trust	2020 Dates: Applications for large grants from 1st March 2020 to 31st July 2020 (for review by the Board of Trustees in September/October 2020). State funded schools only.