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Schools should remember that any donations made by parents (e.g. a one-off payment at the start of term to cover trips and extra-curricular activities) can be Gift Aided, giving an extra 25%

*Where the deadline is in the past, this is highlighted and given as an indication of what may be available on an annual cycle. Bristol ChemLabS provide this information as a courtesy and updates it from time to time but is not responsible for its accuracy at any given time. Please feel free to contact chem-net@bristol.ac.uk or t.g.harrison@bristol.ac.uk if you find that any OTHER information in this document is out of date or incorrect in any way, or if you would like to suggest a resource for addition to this list.

GENERAL SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

Scheme	Details	Amount	Deadlines*	How To Apply
<u>Rolls Royce Science Prize</u>	Open to all teachers of science in schools and colleges in the UK and ROI in 3 age categories: 3-11, 11-16 and 16-19. The funding is for any science-teaching project idea that meets a need in your school or college.	9 Prizes of £5,000 each and the support of a specialist mentor OR 50 Special Merit Awards of £1,000 each.	30th May 2012	You need to find between 2 and 5 other adults to work with you in a team. These can be fellow teachers, parents, governors, lab technicians, local industry partners etc. See http://science.rolls-royce.com/home/index.jsp
<u>Royal Society Partnership Grants</u>	For schools to work with scientists. To support teachers, scientists and engineers in working together to inspire young people.	Up to £3000	24 th February 2012	http://www.royalsoc.ac.uk/page.asp?id=1948 Before you apply, you must have found an appropriate partner, and come up with a project idea.

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<u>Particle Physics & Astronomy Research Council (PPARC) Small Awards</u>	For projects relating to the communication of PPARC science areas – particle physics, astronomy and space science. This scheme is open to schools and teachers. The expenditure can go towards materials, salaries, travel and subsistence.	Up to £15K	Last closing date was April 2007 and there's no new information. Please see website for contact details.	http://www.pparc.ac.uk/sasawards http://www.pparc.ac.uk/Ed/ps_intro.asp
<u>IoP/PPARC Small Grants For Schools</u>	Specifically for schools and colleges for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics. Projects linked to astronomy, space and particle physics are particularly encouraged.	Up to £500	No deadlines, applications are reviewed as they are received.	http://www.iop.org/activity/education/Teacher_Support/Grants/page_4712.html
<u>The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) Education Initiatives Fund</u>	The Education Initiatives Fund is a source of small amounts of financial support for novel educational activities. These activities should; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aimed at school and college students • Contain appropriate chemical science content • Be novel 	Up to £1,000	31 st October of the preceding year	http://www.rsc.org/ScienceAndTechnology/Funding/EducationInitiatives.asp The application must have the written support of the relevant Education Division, Region or Local Section of the RSC.

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<u>The Royal Society of Chemistry</u>	The RSC can support educational activities through various funding channels, including local sections.	Various	Various	http://www.rsc.org/Education/Teachers/awards.asp for a list of Awards and Funding. http://rsc.org/Membership/Networking/LocalSections/index.asp to find your nearest local section.
<u>Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Holmes Hines Memorial Fund</u>	To help individuals or organisations with activities related to science and engineering for which public funds are not available. Applications can be in any area of science and engineering.	Small Awards	There is no set date for considering applications; you can apply at any time.	http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/grants/Pages/default.aspx
<u>EPSRC Partnerships for Public Engagement</u>	Grants to support high quality public engagement projects by EPSRC researchers. Applicants should normally hold or have held an EPSRC research grant or fellowship, and the research being communicated needs to be within the EPSRC remit, so teachers may have to make such an application in conjunction with a researcher		Most recent is 6 th July 2010 Applications are peer-reviewed twice a year.	http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/grants/Pages/default.aspx

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<u>Ernest Cook Trust Small Grants</u>	These grants focus upon the needs of children from the UK concerning the environment and the countryside. All applications are expected to link in with the National Curriculum or recognised qualifications; particular weight is given to projects which improve levels of literacy and numeracy	From £100 to £3,000	Meetings are held 5 times a year (February, May, July, September and December) for grants of up to £4,000	http://www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk
<u>The Society for General Microbiology (SGM)</u>	The SGM awards some education grants, applicants must be members.	£200 - £3,500	No closing date	http://www.sgm.ac.uk/grants/schools.cfm
<u>Nuffield Foundation Science Bursaries Scheme</u>	First year A level students can apply for summer holiday placements at university science departments or in industry	Approx £70 per week to cover expenses of attending placement	Different deadlines for different areas – please see website.	http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/go/grants/nsbsc/page_394.html

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<u>Quartet Community Foundation Grants</u>	Small, community-based charities and voluntary groups (which can include schools) in the West of England whose work benefits local people. Grants are given to a broad range of causes and applications are welcomed from both new and established groups.	Many up to £1,000 with the occasional £10K	N/A	www.quartetcf.org.uk/apply or download a guid from http://www.quartetcf.org.uk/docs/Grant_Guide.pdf
<u>AstraZeneca Science Teaching Trust</u>	Funding innovative projects focused on enhancing the teaching of science in primary schools.		9 th March 2012	http://www.azteachscience.co.uk/code/trust/doing.asp#Summary
<u>Science and Technology Facilities Council</u>	Awards funds for small, local projects. Anyone can apply. The large awards scheme provides funds for projects which are expected to have a significant regional or national impact.	Up to £100,000	Small Award deadlines announced at beginning of the year. Large Award deadlines announced at the end of the year.	http://www.scitech.ac.uk/pands/fund/all/funds.aspx

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<u>The Summerfield Charitable Trust</u>	Charities applying to the Trust must either be based in Gloucestershire, or they must be engaged in a project that is of specific benefit to residents of the county incl. Education, sport and recreation.	From £500 upwards	The Trustees meet quarterly: 2 nd Jan 2012, 30 th March 2012, 11 th June 2012 and Sept 2012	http://www.summerfield.org.uk/index.html
<u>Thomas Howell's Education Fund for North Wales</u>	For North Wales schools only Objects: To promote the education of young people under the age of 25 who are resident in or undergoing education in the area of benefit in such ways as the trustee decides		Ongoing deadlines, 3 times a year: Sept, March and June.	Contact: Susan Mayall: S.mayall@newi.ac.uk See http://www.thedrapers.co.uk/Charities/1g2_thomas_howell_wales.html For further details
<u>RCUK National Science Week Awards</u>	For activities carried out during National Science Week. Public debates, talks, exhibits, hands-on demonstrations and lab visits to inspire the next generation of scientists. Open to Research Council-funded grant holders, postgraduate students and those working in all Research Council centres.	Funds are available up to £2000.	This scheme is now run annually.	http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/sis/linksci.htm

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The Tesco Charity Trust	Community Awards benefit local organisations whose core work supports children's education and welfare.	Between £1,500 and £5,000	Closing date: 31 January each year.	http://www.tescopl.com/tescocharitytrust

Other Lists:

- **Psci-com** website: http://www.intute.ac.uk/healthandlifesciences/cgi-bin/browse_pscicom.pl?id=20. This webpage provides a public engagement funding list of schemes with a short description and a link to the web resource itself. You can also access the page by clicking on Funding Sources (under the Psci-com Subject Headings title) and then selecting PES Initiatives.
- **Science Learning Centres** website: <http://www.sciencelearningcentres.org.uk> has a section on the web links page called 'Funding Opportunities for Schools'. The information is also flagged up as a network news item.
- **The Royal Society** has a list of funding sources covering some of the bigger schemes, which can be found at: <http://www.royalsoc.ac.uk/page.asp?id=1999>.
- **The NSEW team at the BA** has put together a "Guide to Funding" which is available at: <http://www.the-ba.net/NR/ronlyres/9EB5D061-3F35-4571-AB5C-AC28219A660B/0/GuidetoFunding2009.pdf> and a list of "Possible sources of funding for science communication/BME activities" available at: <http://www.the-ba.net/NR/ronlyres/2FE92993-422D-4264-94B6-F579665E789F/0/DISCFundingGuide.pdf>
- **Planet Science's** publication 'Hands On Real Science' lists a wide variety of schemes, organisations and individuals that schools can link with to give students a taste of what real science is all about: <http://www.planet-science.com/sciteach>. The Planet Science Newsletter: <http://www.planet-science.com/news/> lists grants as they come up - put 'grant' in the search facility on the site & sort results by date to find the most recent.
- **The SET Women's Resource** has a list for schools, researchers & women in SET at: http://www.setwomenresource.org.uk/en/resource_bank/funding/other_orgs