

CREST at Gold Award Level



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Guidance for students carrying out projects without the support of external schemes or networks

It is possible for students aged 16-19 to complete a Gold level project on their own, individually, without structured schemes and networks, though this will take initiative, independent learning and perseverance (which we highly commend!)

Support from the CREST Local Coordinator for 'independent' Gold level projects will be limited to:

- Providing the CREST criteria and profile form
- Explaining how Gold assessment works
- Processing the registration fee
- Carrying out assessment (reading your project work + presentation and Q&A session, which could be online e.g. using Skype)
- Issuing the CREST certificate if the criteria is met

What other advice or guidance is available to 'independent' students for CREST at Gold award level?

- Contact your CREST Local Coordinator and see whether they offer additional localised schemes, services or projects for students wishing to work towards a CREST Gold
- Contact STEM Ambassadors, Local HE Establishments or ask at school/college for other local business or industry opportunities
- Is your school or college doing the Extended Project Qualification? If you are doing this it could qualify for a CREST Gold without relying on additional support from your CREST Local Coordinator.