



CREST Awards

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CREST Awards in Wales Grants

The CREST Award programme is run by the British Science Association, which is being funded by the Welsh Assembly Government – through the National Science Academy – to coordinate and increase activities in Welsh schools.

CREST is Britain's largest national award scheme for project work in the STEM subjects – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths – and brings science to life by offering young people aged 11-19 opportunities to explore real world projects in an exciting and innovative way.

Find out more at: www.britishscienceassociation.org/crest

Eligibility and Awards

Secondary schools and colleges can apply for a grant of up to **£250** to support CREST. All schools and colleges in Wales are eligible to apply. The application form captures information regarding the type of school, but applications will be assessed only on how the money is proposed to be used.

How much do CREST Awards normally cost in Wales?

Given the support of the Welsh Assembly Government, the CREST Awards are currently available at a subsidised rate:

	Schools in the rest of the UK (per student)	Schools in Wales 2010-2012 (per student)
Bronze	£4	£1.20
Silver	£8	£2.40
Gold	£15	£4.50

What can you use the CREST funding for?

You can use the grant to:

- Buy equipment or materials for your STEM club
- Bring in external expertise to help run the activity
- Cover costs of running CREST through your existing science or technology club
- Set-up interactive displays, demonstrations and investigations for your classes
- Cover the cost of registering for CREST Awards.

What can the grant money be spent on?

Grant money can be used for registration for CREST or its Primary equivalent, CREST Star Investigators; consumables; field trips; speakers; presenters; outreach shows or other costs of activities; or events celebrating your students' achievements through CREST.

Grant money cannot be spent on large competition prizes, on-going salary costs, costs that are already covered by other funding, general running costs and overheads that are paid for by other income and the majority of the grant cannot be spent on refreshments.

Deadlines and payments

This will be an on-going review process, with applications being reviewed every two weeks. If you are already doing project-based work that could count towards a CREST Award then the grant can be used to support these on-going activities.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email as soon as a decision is reached.

If successful, payment of the funds will be made directly into a nominated bank account or by cheque (details provided by the applicant on the application form). Successful applicants must accept the offer before payment will be made.

CREST related activities which do not go ahead cannot be funded by the British Science Association and grant money must be returned.

Conditions of the grant

- The funding must enable young people to achieve a CREST Award
- The project work must be science, engineering, maths or technology related
- A short evaluation report form **MUST** be completed by 31st July 2011.

If the evaluation report is not completed by the 31st July 2011 or, if your activity/request for support differs greatly to that specified in your application, or if the number of students achieving a CREST Award is less than stated in the plan, the British Science Association reserves the right to ask for the fund to be returned.

For these reasons, please ensure you have contingency plans in case of illness or unforeseen circumstances.

How to apply?

Fill in the Application Form as a Word document.

In your application you will be asked:

- 1) Your contact details and the email of one other contact at your school
- 2) The school bank details to receive the grant (account number and sort code)
- 3) Details about what you plan to do through the CREST Awards
- 4) An outline budget
- 5) Numbers of pupils in your school and numbers involved in the CREST Awards

When completing the application form please ensure that all email addresses, telephone numbers and bank details given are correct. Any mistakes in these will delay payment of the grant. As we will communicate with you primarily by email please ensure you give an email address that is checked regularly by the person that applied for the grant.

Once your online application has been submitted you will receive an email confirmation that it has been received by the team. Please retain this email for your records.

If you have any questions regarding the application procedure or any aspect of the CREST in Wales developments, please email cerian.angharad@see-science.co.uk or liz.terry@see-science.co.uk or call 02920 801 644.

For project ideas and support on how to run CREST in your school or club, see the webpages at www.britishtscienceassociation.org/crest

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