

A large, dark silhouette of a group of people in a meeting or collaborative setting, positioned in the upper right corner of the page. The silhouettes show people leaning in, gesturing, and interacting, suggesting a dynamic and collaborative environment.

ILLUMINATE THE FUTURE

WHAT IS CREST?

CREST is a national award scheme for project work in STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). It gives young people aged 11-19 creative opportunities to explore the real world of science and technology.

CREST has been bridging the classroom and the workplace for over 20 years – it now reaches over 25,000 students across the UK each year. The scheme is innovative and flexible – work placements, clubs, or one-off events: anything that sparks enthusiasm could fit CREST.

A VITAL ROLE...

CREST Mentors play a vital role in developing tomorrow's talent. You'll lead intelligent and enthusiastic students – gaining hands-on management experience and engaging with your local community in the process. Your student might even help you see your own work in a new light.

WHAT MENTORS DO?

No two projects are ever the same. You could:

- Provide expert information or be a point of access for specialist knowledge or techniques
- Help your student develop their ideas or guide them as they examine their results
- Arrange relevant work experience or an industrial visit.

KEY BENEFITS:

Mentors and their students can both benefit greatly from involvement in CREST. Here's a few ways in which you might benefit:

- Enhance your reputation and profile in the community
- Get hands-on people and project management experience
- Train and encourage the next generation of scientists and engineers (and enjoy their enthusiasm)
- Develop your own communication skills through a structured scheme
- Reveal new ways of communicating about your work.



'This scheme is a wonderful means to give young people a start in life and a spring-board to develop their careers in a scientific field.'

Dr. Tim Sandle, Bio Products Laboratory

GET INVOLVED

Would you like to know more about CREST Mentors?

You can find more information on the scheme and the various ways in which you might get involved at our website: www.britishsociety.org/crest

Alternatively, email the team at:
crest@britishscienceassociation.org

'The whole experience was amazing – I got a real feel for what working in a science setting is like.'

Rosy Halfyard,
CREST Gold Award winner and
Intel ISEF UK Representative, 2009

About the British Science Association

The British Science Association aims to promote openness about science in society and to engage and inspire people directly with science and technology and their implications.

The British Science Association has over 25 years experience of running STEM enrichment programmes for young people. The British Science Association is a partner in the following projects: National Science and Engineering Competition, The Big Bang: UK Young Scientists' and Engineers' Fair, DCSF After-School Science and Engineering Clubs, STEM Directories and The Shine Trust's CREST ★ Investigators clubs.

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