

2025 Science in Schools grant scheme

Opens 9am Tuesday 6 May 2025

Closes midday on Friday 6 June 2025

Fully funded school visits worth £800 are offered for students, teachers, and families to experience a Royal Institution Science in Schools day. This scheme is generously supported by Bain Capital, The Kusuma Trust, AstraZenca, AM McGreevy No 5 Charitable Settlement, the John S Cohen Foundation, and a donation in memory of Bob Bell. Read on to find out how the scheme works and how to make an application.

What are Science in Schools grants for?

- A fully funded school visit worth £800
- This grant covers the [full package](#) of two performances of a school show of your choice for students, a CPD session for teachers, and an after school or evening community show for a family audience
- All activities funded by this grant would need to be completed on the same day, on any date between 1 October 2025 and 30 September 2026

Am I eligible to apply?

In order to apply for a grant, you need to:

- Be from a state-funded primary or secondary school/academy in the UK (shows can be adapted for ages 4-7, 7-11, or 11-14)
- Be a member of the school staff who is involved in teaching a STEM subject in the school
- Be able to demonstrate that your students would not otherwise have access to this opportunity

How do I apply?

1. Read below to find out **what we are looking for in your application** and take a brief look at the online application form (available from 6 May) to see what information we will require from you.
2. Complete the online application form by **midday on Friday 6 June 2025**

What happens after I've submitted an application?

To manage the increase in demand for school visits, grants will be awarded in three rounds during the 2025-2026 academic year, based on the dates you would prefer to book your visit:

- Your application will be assessed, and if you applied for round 1 (for grant-funded visits between 1st October and 31st December) you will receive notification of the outcome in June. We aim to contact all round 1 applicants by Friday 27 June (whether or not you were successful)
- If you applied for rounds 2 or 3 (for grant-funded visits in 2025) you will receive notification of the outcome in the Autumn term
- If you are successful, you will be asked to confirm a date for your Science in Schools day with the Royal Institution schools team, and to sign a contract agreeing to the funding terms and conditions
- If a round is oversubscribed, you may be offered a booking in a different term
- Once your Science in Schools day has taken place, you will be asked to complete online feedback about the activities you had in your school

What are we looking for in your application?

A strong application will clearly address all the following areas:

A. Need for STEM support

While priority will be given to schools in disadvantaged areas, with a low IDACI rank and high proportion of students eligible for free school meals, we understand that other factors can be barriers to accessibility.

Please include any additional information that will help us understand the needs of your students, staff, and community. These could be, for example:

- Demographic
- Circumstantial (e.g. remote location)
- Financial

B. Aims

Please think about all three elements of the package (student show, CPD and family show) and include information on engagement across and beyond the school, for example:

- Staff and student involvement
- Involvement of the wider community, such as parents (if applicable)
- Why you have chosen to involve these groups

Are there any specific outcomes expected as a result of your Science in Schools day? Examples from previous grant recipients include: development of skills, attitudinal change, inspiration, and access to new experiences.

C. Impact

In this section, please describe the depth and reach of engagement you are aiming to achieve with your Science in Schools day.

Give a clear idea of how the school will build upon the experience in future, to maximise its impact and embed any learning into school practice, as well as who will be responsible for this. Aside from the requirement to complete a questionnaire for the Ri, detail any follow up evaluation that will be done to assess this.

Where can I get support?

If you have any questions about the grant scheme or application process, please contact the team at schools@ri.ac.uk