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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 & 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chem-cefl@bristol.ac.uk or t.g.harrison@bristol.ac.uk if you find that any OTHER information in this document is out of date or incorrect in any way, or if you would like to suggest a resource for addition to this list.*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 all schools & colleges in the UK & ROI in three 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. It can be a new idea or a development of something you have been working on.	9 Prizes of £5,000 each & the support of a specialist mentor OR 50 Special Merit Awards of £1,000 each	28 February 2008.	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. Register & download a pack at http://science.rolls-royce.com/index.php Stage one – Teams submit a detailed, budgeted proposal Stage two – finalists implement their proposals over a 24-week period, starting the following September. Entries will be assessed for the Rolls-Royce Science Prize awards.
<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	Most recent round of applications closed on 09 November 2007 . If you are interested in applying in the future then please contact http://royalsociety.org/contactus.asp .	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>Institute of Physics (IoP) Public Engagement Grant Scheme</u>	For individuals and organisations running physics-based events and activities in the UK and Ireland	Up to £1000	The 2007 grant scheme had a closing date of 03 November 2006	http://www.iop.org/activity/outreach/Funding/page_7043.html
<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 (and indeed, anyone can apply). The expenditure can go towards materials, salaries and travel & subsistence.	Up to £15k	The last closing date for the Small Awards Scheme and the Science Centre Awards Scheme was April 2007 .	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

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<u>The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) Education Initiatives Fund</u>	<p>The Education Initiatives Fund is a source of small amounts of financial support for novel educational activities. These activities should</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be aimed at school and college-age students• contain appropriate chemical science content for the target age group• be novel: in this context 'novel' should be interpreted as new to the geographical region.	Up to about £1000	31 October of the preceding year	<p>http://www.rsc.org/ScienceAndTechnology/AwardsAndFunding/EducationInitiatives/index.asp</p> <p>The application must have the written support of the relevant Education Division, Region or Local Section of the RSC.</p>

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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 & Funding. http://www.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/PublicEngagement/Schools/HolmesHines.htm
<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.		08 May 2008 Applications are peer-reviewed twice a year.	http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/PublicEngagement/ActivitiesAndFundingForResearchers/PartnershipsForPublicEngagement/default.htm

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<u>Biology & Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) Small Awards</u>	To support public engagement activities. Applicants must either be BBSRC grant holders and postgraduate students, working in a BBSRC-funded institute, or a BBSRC local school coordinator	Up to £5000	19 October 2007	http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/public/Welcome.html

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<u>Ernest Cook Trust Small Grants</u>	Grants, which must always be for clearly educational purposes, aim principally to focus upon the needs of children and young people from the UK concerning the environment and the countryside: projects which introduce pupils to the wide spectrum of the arts are also encouraged. All applications are expected to link in with either the National Curriculum or recognised qualifications; particular weight is given to projects which improve levels of literacy and numeracy.	from £100 to £3,000	For grants greater than £4000, 04 August 2008 Meetings are held five times a year (February, May, July, September, December) for grants of up to £4000.	http://www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk
<u>The Society for General Microbiology (SGM)</u>	The SGM awards some education grants, applicants must be members.	£200-£3500	No closing date	http://www.sgm.ac.uk/grants/dfm
<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/week to cover expenses of attending placement	12 February 2008	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 guide from http://www.quartetcf.org.uk/docs/Grant_Guide.pdf . The local office is happy to advise and help with applications.

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<u>AstraZeneca Science Teaching Trust</u>	Funding Innovative projects focused on enhancing the teaching of science in primary schools. This year's funding applications have now been completed.		28 March 2008	http://www.azteachscience.co.uk/code/trust/doing.asp#Summary
<u>Science and Technology Facilities Council</u>	The Science in Society programme Small Awards Scheme provides funds for small, local or 'pilot' projects promoting STFC science and technology. Anyone can apply, including grant-funded research groups, STFC research facility users, schools, museums, etc. The Large Awards Scheme provides funds for projects which are expected to have a significant regional or national impact and partnerships between scientific and other (e.g. educational) organisations are encouraged.	Up to £100,000	Small Award – latest round 11 April 2008 Large Award Stage 1 – 16 November 2007	http://www.scitech.ac.uk/pands/fund/all/funds.aspx

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<i>Some Local & Regional Schemes</i>				
Scheme	Details	Amount	Deadline	How To Apply
<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	11 January, 15 April, 10 June, 07 October 2008 The Trustees meet quarterly – usually in February, April, July, and November.	http://www.summerfield.org.uk/index.html
<u>Hooks Mills Educational Foundation</u>	Under the terms of a scheme dated 23 March 2001, the trusteeship of this charity was transferred to Bristol Charities. The Charities' objects are to assist students by means of grants, scholarships and bursaries, to attend schools and universities or other educational institutions or classes in the City and Diocese of Bristol or elsewhere	£5000-£15000	05 October 2008	http://www.bristolcharities.org.uk/grant_bceducational.asp

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<u>Quartet Community Foundation Grants</u>	Gives grants to small, community-based charities and voluntary groups (which can include schools) in the West of England (Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire) whose work benefits local people. Grants are given to a broad range of causes and applications are welcomed from both new and established groups.	Up to £1,000 with the occasional £10k	Quartet manages a range of funds with their own priorities, criteria and closing dates.	http://www.quartetcf.org.uk/apply or download a guide from http://www.quartetcf.org.uk/docs/Grant_Guide.pdf The local Quartet office is happy to advise on suitability and help with making applications.
<u>Edinburgh Mathematical Society Schools Enrichment Fund</u>	Importance is placed on supporting activities for which funding is not available from normal school sources.	Up to £500	No closing dates but early submission of applications is strongly encouraged. They will be considered at any time until the fund's budget is exhausted.	http://www.maths.strath.ac.uk/%7Eaas96109/ems_ed/school-enrichment.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.		Dates of meeting: 16 October 2007 , 06 February, 10 June 2008. Application have to be received at least three weeks before the meeting date.	Contact: Susan Mayall. S.mayall@newi.ac.uk See http://www.thedrapers.co.uk/Charities/1g2_thomashowell_wales.html for further details.

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<i>National Science Week Activities</i>				
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<u>BA & DTI NSEW Small Grant Scheme for Schools</u>	Open to all state schools and aims to attract teachers and schools into National Science and Engineering Week who would otherwise find it difficult to take part. Priority for these grants will go to schools with a high proportion of pupils from a disadvantaged background or with a high proportion of black and minority ethnic pupils.	Grants will be up to £150 per school, however, in exceptional circumstances, larger grants may be considered (06-15 March 2008)	If you have any questions regarding the application procedure for 2009 or any aspect of the NSEW Small Grant Scheme, please email nsew@the-ba.net or call 020 7019 4963.	Visit the BA website http://www.the-ba.net/the-ba/Events/NSEW/GetInvolved/Funding/smallgrants.htm
<u>BA & Welsh Assembly NSEW grants</u>	Any organisation in Wales can apply for a grant for National Science and Engineering Week. The money has to be spent on organising/taking part in an event during NSEW (06-15 March 2009).	Up to £500 (in exceptional circumstances, larger grants may be considered)	Deadline: 28 March 2008	Visit the BA website http://www.the-ba.net/the-ba/Events/NSEW/GetInvolved/Funding/_WAG.htm

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<u>RCUK National Science Week Awards</u>	For activities carried out during National Science Week. Public debates, talks, exhibits, hands-on demonstrations and laboratory visits to inspire the next generation of scientists are all examples of suitable activities. Open to Research Council-funded grant holders, postgraduate students & those working in all Research Council-supported Institutes or Centres. Schools cannot apply directly for this scheme but can work with a researcher to apply for funds to run an activity.	Funds are available of up to £2000.	This scheme is run annually (now closed for 2008).	http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/sis/linksci.htm

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Company Charity Schemes				
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<u>The Tesco Charity Trust</u>	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.tescocorporate.com/images/Charity_trust_guidelines.pdf

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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/rdonlyres/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/rdonlyres/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