

Previous recipients of any of RSC grants, including the Outreach Fund, are eligible to apply for funding for either a new project, or to build upon an existing project

Where appropriate applicants should seek to engage with members of the Royal Society of Chemistry and member groups (e.g. to inform the chemistry content, to develop long-term sustainability plans, to engage volunteers to take part in the activities). However, the lead applicant is not required to be a member.

Applications that relate to an existing project will be considered alongside plans for project sustainability and evidence of sufficient evaluation of the existing project (including evaluation forms received where the existing project has been previously funded by the RSC). If there is no or insufficient evaluation to support such applications, they will not be considered by the panel

Applicants should not resubmit an unsuccessful Outreach Fund application unless invited to do so

Applicants wishing to submit multiple applications in one funding round might wish to submit one single application for a coherent programme to the large grant scheme

The review panel monitor the number of applications submitted by individuals and institutions for each funding round, if multiple applications from the same individual or institution are received in one funding round, the panel may choose to consider all such applications in relation to each other

Applications must be submitted in line with the specified deadlines for consideration in a particular funding round. If an application deadline is missed, it may still be submitted in the instance that the fund remains open to applications, but will not be reviewed by the assessment panel until after the next submission deadline

Activity phase to be supported by the fund should not fall outside of the timescales detailed on this website for the round of funding you are applying. If your project exceeds these timescales, please get in contact with using the link at the side of this page. Applications for retrospective funding will not be considered

Applicants must include a detailed breakdown of the financial support requested, it is advised that applicants attach a detailed budget overview to the budget section of the application form in addition to any comments they wish to add

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Applicants should detail how clear, accurate and relevant chemistry content will be curated for the target audience. Full details of content are not required (but may be added to the Supplementary Document section of the application form), a summary overview will suffice

Activities should increase chemists' visibility as diverse approachable people, increase the audiences' confidence in discussing chemistry and demonstrate the relevance of chemistry to everyday interests and concerns

Projects should provide opportunities and activity which would not normally be accessible to the audience

Projects which target school aged individuals/groups (including those in further education) should demonstrate career opportunities, develop employability skills and enrich chemistry education

Projects should provide the audience with the opportunity to explore chemistry through local contexts

CPD for teachers may be included in a schools engagement application where the CPD activity can be demonstrated to support curriculum enriching activity and be of ultimate benefit to students

Salary and/or consultancy fees (including teacher cover costs in schools engagement applications) may be included in an application where they can be clearly shown to be essential for activity to take place

Audience

Projects must have a clearly identified audience. Applicants should demonstrate an understanding of their target audience demographic

Applications should state the projected reach of the project (audience numbers and geographical area)

Applications should clearly evidence audience demand, need and suitability of their project and the intended learning outcomes and benefit of activity for the specific audience

Applications should show an understanding of how activity will be communicated to the target audience

Budget

Applications should clearly show how money will be spent and justification for spending.

Budgets must be considered with respect to projected project reach (geographical and audience numbers) and impact. High costs must be justified in terms of audience reach, audience needs and/or impact. Activities that have a high cost for little benefit should be avoided.

