Summary

The Gatsby Foundation is committed to strengthening the country’s science and engineering skills. The Foundation’s focus is technical education. The Foundation takes a proactive approach to the work they wish to support and so the vast majority of unsolicited proposals received are unsuccessful. The Foundation are however willing to consider exceptional proposals which fit closely with their specific aims and focus areas of the Secondary and Further Education sectors.

How to apply

Applicants that feel that their organisation has a project which might interest the Foundation should as a first step complete the form on the Contact Us page, including a couple of paragraphs describing their idea. If the idea is in line with the Foundation’s priorities applicants may be asked to submit a brief proposal (of around 3-6 pages, depending on the complexity of the project). All proposals will need to include the following information:

- A summary of no more than 150 words
- The aim of the project How it fits with Gatsby’s education priorities
- Background to the project (including national context etc)
- Description of activity to be undertaken Expected (and measurable) outputs and outcomes
- The long-term prospects for (a) impact; and (b) sustainability beyond the lifetime of the grant
- How the project will be evaluated
- Timeline
- Budget by Gatsby financial year (April to March)

Shortly after receipt of this proposal, the relevant member of the Gatsby education team will contact the applicant to discuss next steps.

Contact Details

Website: https://www.gatsby.org.uk/education/about/applying-for-support

Application Status

This grant is open to applications. Applications can be submitted at any time.
The Ogden Trust - Senior Teacher Fellowship (UK)
Funder: Ogden Trust

Summary
The Ogden Trust are a charitable trust that exists to promote the teaching and learning of physics. The Trust do this by enabling innovative physics teaching to take place in, and collaboratively between, schools, often forging links to universities. Through the Senior Teacher Fellowship programme the Trust supports teachers who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to physics education and are awarded to support a specific project.

Funding Details
A Senior Teacher Fellowship is usually awarded to the school as a time buy out of a half or full day at a set rate of £3,500 for 0.1 FTE or £7,000 for 0.2 FTE. The school must confirm that they will support this time release, if the applicant is successful, at the time of application.

Who Can Apply
Applicants must currently be or have previously been involved with an Ogden Trust programme eg school partnership, Teach Physics (host school or intern), and, applicants must be teaching in a state funded school in England.

Contact Details
Website: https://www.ogdentrust.com/grants-funding/teacher-support

Application Status
Application deadline - Please see funders website for details.
Summary

The Wolfson Foundation awards grants to support and promote excellence in education, science & medicine, the arts & humanities and health & disability. Through its Funding for Special Schools and Colleges funding stream the Foundation aims to support schools and colleges for children and young people with special educational needs. Grants are awarded for projects focused on helping pupils to develop skills which would help them to gain employment or live independently after leaving school or college.

Funding Details

The minimum grant amount is £15,000. The usual grant range is between £20,000 and £75,000. Matched funding is required for projects with a cost in excess of £50,000.

The project should be for a new building, refurbishment work or equipment and aim to produce one or more of the following outcomes:

- Increased access to services for new and existing users
- Improved quality and range of services
- Improved financial stability of the organisation

Who Can Apply

Registered or exempt charities (or equivalent) and local authorities

Contact Details

Website: https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/funding-for-special-schools-and-colleges/

Application Status

This grant is open to applications. Applications can be submitted at any time.
Wolfson Foundation – Funding for Secondary Schools and Sixth Form Colleges (UK)

Funder: Wolfson Foundation

Summary
The Wolfson Foundation awards grants to support and promote excellence in education, science & medicine, the arts & humanities and health & disability. Through its Funding for Secondary Schools and Sixth Form Colleges funding stream the Foundation aims to support high-achieving state-funded secondary schools and sixth form colleges to improve the teaching of science, computer science, design and technology, art, languages, music and performing arts at GCSE and A-Level. Grants are generally awarded towards new builds, refurbishment and technical equipment.

Funding Details
The minimum grant amount is £15,000. The usual grant range is between £15,000 and £50,000 for equipment projects, between £15,000 and £100,000 for new build and refurbishment projects.

50% Matched funding is required for projects with a cost in excess of £1 million.

If the total project cost is between £50,000 and £1 million some match funding will be required.

The project must cost at least £15,000 and should aim to produce one or more of the following outcomes:

- Improved quality of teaching and learning spaces for subjects which require specialist laboratories and technical equipment
- Increased numbers of students taking these subjects
- Improved learning outcomes for students taking these subjects

Who Can Apply
State-funded secondary schools and sixth form colleges

Contact Details
Website: https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/funding-for-secondary-schools-sixth-form-colleges/

Application Status
This grant is open to applications. Applications can be submitted at any time.
Summary
The Emergency school improvement fund (non-capital) provides grants to support schools facing unexpected or imminent failure. Applications can be made for short-term support while a longer-term sustainable solution is developed, for example through the support of a new academy sponsor. Applications can also be made for longer-term whole school support where no other sustainable solution can be found to address the school failure. Applications can be put forward by teaching schools, national support schools and multi-academy trusts to support schools that meet the eligibility criteria. Applications must have the approval of either the relevant regional schools commissioner or local authority.

Funding Details
The minimum or maximum grant level is given.

Who Can Apply
Applications can be put forward by teaching schools, national support schools and multi-academy trusts to support schools that meet the eligibility criteria. The emergency school improvement fund is a grant to support:

- primary schools
- secondary schools
- middle schools
- all-through schools
- alternative provision and special academies
- maintained schools
- pupil referral units

How to apply
Email emergency.fund@education.gov.uk for an application form.

Contact Details
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/emergency-school-improvement-fund-non-capital

Application Status This grant is open to applications. Applications can be submitted at any time.
BlueSpark Foundation (England)

Funder: Bluespark Foundation

Summary

BlueSpark Foundation is a registered charity which supports the education and development of children and young people by providing grants for educational, cultural, sporting and other projects. Community groups, colleges and schools in England can apply for grants for relatively small-scale projects which are for the public benefit and which otherwise might not happen or would only happen on a lesser scale. In schools, the projects which are supported may relate to intra or extra-curricular activities. The foundation is particularly keen to support projects which the Trustees consider will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people.

Funding Details

Many grants will be under £2,000, most will be under £5,000 and only in a few cases will grants exceed £10,000. Funding is available for physical assets (such as iPads, sports equipment, or lighting for stage productions) or for services or facilities (such as sports coaching or music or drama tuition) or simply for the provision of experiences (such as theatre visits).

Who Can Apply

Schools, community groups, clubs, societies, individuals and groups of individuals.

How to apply

All applications for a grant must be made online on the Foundation’s standard Application Form which should be completed by the person leading the project.

Please read the Foundation’s Grant Policy carefully before making an application and complete all sections of the form fully and clearly.

Contact Details

Please see the BlueSpark Foundation website for contact details.

Website: http://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk/

Application Status

This grant is open to applications. Applications can be submitted at any time.
Youth Mental Health First Aid in Schools Programme (England)

Funder: Mental Health First Aid England

Summary
Every secondary school in England is entitled to one free place on a Youth Mental Health First Aid (MFHA) one day course through the Youth MHFA in Schools programme. This three year programme is fully funded by the Department of Health with a value of £200 per person trained. The aim is to train a member of staff in secondary schools to become a Youth MHFA Champion - someone with the skills to spot the signs of mental health issues in young people and guide them to a place of support. By the end of 2020 every secondary school in England will have been offered the opportunity to attend this training.

Funding Details
A One Day Training course worth £200.

Who Can Apply
Applications are welcomed from state-funded primary, secondary, further education colleges and special educational needs schools.

Contact Details
For contact details please go to the MHFA England website
Website: https://mhfaengland.org/mhfa-centre/schools-programme/

Application Status
This grant is open to applications. Applications can be submitted at any time.
Mandarin Excellence Programme (UK)
Funder: Institute of Education

Summary
The Mandarin Excellence Programme aims to deliver a minimum of 5000 speakers of Mandarin on their way to a high level of fluency by 2020. Funding of a minimum of £20,000 per year is available to state-funded secondary schools. Schools on the programme should also be able to provide a programme of at least eight hours a week, made up of a combination of class-time teaching, extra-curricular teaching, self-study and intensive language courses in China and the UK. Schools funded through this programme should also act as or work with a hub school, growing the number of schools and pupils in the local area on the programme; and work to ensure that pupils will be on course to complete HSK IV and V exams within 6 years of starting the programme. Pupils should also be on course to complete Chinese GCSE and A Level, IB or Pre-U qualifications during and beyond the programme lifespan.

Funding Details
Funding of a minimum of £20,000 per year is available to state-funded secondary schools.

Initial application is by Expression of Interest; the form can be downloaded from the Mandarin Excellence Programme website. Completed Expression of Interest forms should be sent to the MEP project team at mandarinexcellence@ucl.ac.uk

Who Can Apply
This programme is open to all secondary schools, but funding to support development is only available for state-funded secondary schools.

How to apply
Please download the Expression of Interest form available here. Once complete, please email your completed Expression of Interest to mandarinexcellence@ucl.ac.uk

Contact Details
For contact details please go to the UCL Mandarin Excellence Programme website
Website: https://ciforschools.wordpress.com/mandarin-excellence-programme/join/

Application Status: This grant is open to applications. Applications can be submitted at any time.
Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Arts-based Learning Fund (UK)  Funder: Paul Hamlyn Foundation

Summary
The Paul Hamlyn Foundation aims to help people overcome disadvantage and lack of opportunity, so that they can realise their potential and enjoy fulfilling and creative lives. The Arts-based Learning Fund aims to support arts organisations working with schools, colleges and other education environments to improve the evidence base for their work, so that they can do more to enhance the lives, development and achievements of children and young people.

Funding Details
Two types of grant are available under this Fund to support work at different stages of development:

- Arts-based Learning ‘explore and test’ grants – offering funding for up to two years to help test new approaches or gather evidence for the first time about approaches that have been used before.
- Arts-based Learning ‘more and better’ grants – offering longer, larger grants to help increase the impact and effectiveness of work which has already shown promise or positive impact.

Who Can Apply
The Paul Hamlyn Foundation welcome applications from charities, community organisations, social enterprises and not-for-profit companies active in the arts. Applicants must be working in partnership with schools or other formal education settings – i.e. primary and secondary schools, further education colleges, pupil referral units and special schools

Contact Details
Website: https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/arts-based-learning-fund/#the-purpose-of-the-fund

Application Status
This grant is open to applications. Applications can be submitted at any time.
Variety Charity – Sunshine Coaches (UK)

Funder: Variety Club of Great Britain

Summary
Variety is a children’s charity that aims to improve the lives of children and young people throughout the UK who are sick, disabled or disadvantaged. The Variety Sunshine Coach Programme exists to enable schools and non-profit making groups and organisations catering for sick, disabled and/or disadvantaged children to obtain a Sunshine Coach. The Sunshine Coach should be used to take the children out on educational and recreational activities which would otherwise be unavailable to them. The vehicle should be in use at least 4 to 5 times per week by the applicant organisation. Applicants will be required to make a donation to the Sunshine Coach Programme as part of the application.

Funding Details
Four different types of coaches are available: 14-seater minibus; 17-seater minibus; 13-seater with tail lift; 17-seater with tail lift.

The following minimum donation will be required:
14 seater minibus - £10,750
17 seater minibus - £11,750
13 seater conversion with a tail lift - £14,000
17 seater conversion with a tail lift - £16,000

Who Can Apply
Schools and non-profit making groups and organisations catering for sick, disabled and/or disadvantaged children aged up to and including the age of 18 years, who are resident within the UK

How to apply
Please contact Jalpa Patel, the Sunshine Coaches Programme Manager on 020 7428 8108 or email coaches@variety.org.uk

Contact Details
Please see Variety The Children’s Charity website for contact details
Website: https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/sunshine-coaches

Application Status
This grant is open to applications. Applications can be submitted at any time.
Birkdale Trust for Hearing Impaired

Description
Grants to advance the education and welfare of children and young people in the UK that have a hearing impairment.

Current Status
Open for Applications

Maximum value:
Discretionary

Objectives of Fund
The Trust aims to concentrate its grant making on 'profoundly' deaf young people.

The funding is charitable organisations undertaking projects in the following areas:

- To advance the education of children and young people, particularly those with a hearing impairment.
- To promote the welfare of hearing impaired children and young people.

Value Notes
The Trust has a small amount of funding for organisations.

Although funding is at the discretion of the Trustees, most grants are for between £300 and £2,500 with a few larger grants made to exceptional applications.

Who Can Apply
Groups, educational establishments and charities in the UK are eligible to apply.

Eligible Expenditure
Funding is available for the following:

- Assistance with the purchase of specialist hearing equipment or other aids which will benefit an individual or organisation.
- The provision of funding for special courses or individual tuition or speech therapy.
- Support for professional assessments and advice or support for appeals against local authorities.
- The financial support of another charity for hearing impaired.

How to Apply
Application forms are available to download from the Trust's website. Completed forms should be returned to the Trust by post.

Useful Links
- Birkdale Trust for Hearing Impaired
IOP School Grants Scheme

Description
Small grants are available for UK schools for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics and, in particular, particle physics, astronomy and space science.

Current Status: Open for Applications Maximum value: £600

Objectives of Fund
The scheme aims to provide schools with funding for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics and, in particular, particle physics, astronomy and space science.

Value Notes
Grants of up to £600 are available.

Who Can Apply
Schools, colleges or home school groups based in the UK and Ireland can apply.

Eligible Expenditure
There is particular interest in proposals that look at:

- Particle physics
- Astronomy
- Space and nuclear physics
- Energy
- Transport
- Information and communications
- Design and promotion
- Built environment.

Eligible costs include:

- Materials and resources
- Transport
- Marketing and publicity
- Other purposes deemed appropriate by the judges
- Supply cover (in certain circumstances).

Grants will be reimbursed to successful applicants immediately following approval of applications. Normally, schools are limited to one grant per year.
How To Apply

There are three application deadlines a year

- 1 February for projects taking place in summer term.
- 1 June for projects taking place in autumn term.
- 1 November for projects taking place in spring term.

An application form is available on the IOP website. The completed form should be submitted to: schoolgrants@iop.org

Useful Links

- [Institute of Physics - School Grants Scheme](#)
**National Lottery Awards for All - England**

**Description**
Grants are available for charities, voluntary groups, schools and local authorities in England to carry out projects that will improve their local community.

**Current Status:** Open for Applications  **Maximum value:** £10,000

**Objectives of Fund**
National Lottery Awards for All is a small grants programme provided by the National Lottery Community Fund, previously known as the Big Lottery Fund until the name was changed in January 2019.

The Awards aim to support projects that will improve the quality of life for local communities.

Projects should meet at least one of the Fund's priorities:

- Bringing people together and building strong relationships in and across communities.
- Improving the places and spaces that matter to communities.
- Enabling more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.

**Value Notes**
Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available.

The Awards for All programme will not give more than £10,000 (in one or more grants) to an organisation in any one year period.

**Match Funding Restrictions**
Grants can be used to pay for some or all of the project costs.

**Who Can Apply**
Not-for-profit companies and community interest companies.

- Schools.
- Statutory bodies (including town, parish and community council).

To be eligible for funding applicants must have:

- Two unconnected people on the board or committee.
- A UK bank account in the name of their organisation.
- Annual accounts (unless the organisation is less than 15 months old).

**Eligible Expenditure**
The programme will fund projects/activities that meet one or more of the following priorities:

- Bringing people together and build strong relationships in and across communities.
- Improving the places and spaces that matter to communities.
- Enabling more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.
- Training costs
How To Apply

Applications may be submitted at any time.

The online application form can be found on the National Lottery Community Fund.

Until the end of 2019 the fund will be changing their internal systems to improve the experience of applying for grants. While they do this they expect it may take longer than usual to process applications. It could take up to 18 weeks for a decision, with a further 2 weeks to pay the grant if applicants are successful.

Useful Links

- National Lottery Awards for All England
- National Lottery Community Fund
St James's Place Foundation

Description
Grants are available to UK registered charities and special needs schools in the UK to support work to improve the quality of life for those people in need as a result of disability or disadvantage.

Current Status: Open for Applications  Maximum value: £10,000

Objectives of Fund
The Foundation supports charitable organisations and special needs schools in the UK working to improve the quality of life for people in need as a result of disability or disadvantage in the UK. It seeks to achieve direct, tangible results from the support given and specifically offers support to projects that provide directly for young people (under the age of 25) who suffer from physical or mental health difficulties or conditions, or a life threatening degenerative illness, or are disadvantaged.

Value Notes
Funding is available as follows:

- Small Grants Programme - The amount applied for should be up to a maximum of £10,000 in any two-year rolling period.
- Major Grants Programme - Closed to unsolicited applications.

Who Can Apply
Applications will be accepted from national, regional and local charities operating in the UK. Special needs schools in the UK may also apply.

Eligible Expenditure
The Foundation will support projects that provide directly for young people (under the age of 25 years) within the UK who suffer from physical or mental health difficulties or conditions, or a life threatening or degenerative illness, or are disadvantaged. This will include young people under the age of 25 caring for others.

Applications should fall within one of the following themes:

- Supporting young people with special needs.
- Disadvantaged young people.
- Supporting people with cancer.

How To Apply
Applications may be submitted at any time for the Small Grants Programme. There are no deadlines or closing dates. Small Grant applications are considered on receipt and in rotation. The whole process can take between four and six months or sometimes longer.

Application forms are available to complete online at the Foundation's website.

Useful Links

- St James's Place Foundation
- St. James's Place Foundation Funding