

 nationalscienceweek
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GRANTS FOR SCHOOLS

National Science Week provides a chance to focus on the impact science, engineering, technology and mathematics has on our lives, our economy, our society and our world. To help Australian schools celebrate National Science Week, the Australian Science Teachers Association (ASTA), through the Science Teachers Association of Victoria (STAV), provides funding for school-initiated National Science Week projects in Victorian schools.

What is a National Science Week school grant?

A total of \$9 650 is made available to **all schools** in Victoria in the form of small grants to enable schools to conduct science activities/events during National Science Week 14-22 August 2010.

In 2010, schools can apply for two types of grants:

A. Seed grants of \$1000.

A limited number of seed grants are available for schools that wish to conduct a National Science Week activity/event for their school, with significant community involvement. Applicants **must** seek community partnerships with local councils, industry and business, community organisations, environmental groups, local universities/TAFEs and/or other schools to be considered for a seed grant. Further funding or in-kind contributions from such organizations is required.

Criteria for seed grants

Each application will be assessed on the following criteria:

- A.1 The grant should enable the school to conduct science, engineering and/or mathematics activities/events beyond its usual science program.
- A.2 The activity/event should bring to the attention of students (and teachers and the community) the relevance of science to everyday life and/or to industry.
- A.3 The activity/event should support the ongoing and increased participation in, and engagement with, science programs within the school.
- A.4 The level of additional support envisaged – the degree to which the school/s contributing to the activity/event both financially and in-kind, and the nature of any proposed partnerships with other people/organisations in delivering the activity/event, including the approximate dollar value of their contributions.

Proposed activities that involve neighbouring schools will be viewed favourably.

B. School grants up to \$500

Grants up to \$500 are available to schools to complement school-based science activities for students and their parents during National Science Week.

Examples of previously funded activities include multi-school science festivals, invite-a-scientist, integrated curriculum programs, community/family science evenings, science fairs and lunch-time rotational activities.

Please note: Funding offered to an applicant may not be the same as the amount requested. Due to the limited availability of funding, the cost of transport, food, routine science incursions and excursions (such as to museums/ science centres) and capital equipment are unable to be funded.

Criteria for school grants

Each application will be assessed on the following criteria:

- B.1 The grant should enable the school to conduct science, engineering and/or mathematics activities/events beyond its usual science program.
- B.2 The activity should bring to the attention of students (and teachers and the community) the relevance of science to everyday life and/or to industry.
- B.3 The activity should support the ongoing and increased participation in, and engagement with, science programs within the school.
- B.4 The activity should be manageable with the funds granted and the contribution from the school. An indication of the funding/resources/personnel that the school is willing to contribute will help the selection panel determine the extent to which this criterion can be met.

Proposed activities that involve the wider community and/or involve neighbouring schools will be viewed favourably.

Grant selection process

A grant selection committee comprising members of STAV Council will consider all applications. An application must meet all four criteria in either A or B above. Each application will be assessed on its merits relative to other applications.

Obligations of successful applicants

1. Register your grant funded activity on the Science Week (www.scienceweek.gov.au) website NO LATER than Friday 16 July 2010.
2. Complete the science activity/event as stated in the application during National Science Week 14-22 August.
3. Provide feedback on your funded activity/event on the template provided by STAV on confirmation of your successful application. Feedback due Monday 13 September 2010.
4. Send a school invoice to STAV stating the grant amount plus GST component.

How do I apply for a grant?

Carefully read the grant information above then complete the relevant sections on the application form attached. Your principal **must** co-sign the form. Post or email your completed application form to the contact provided.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY STAV BY FRIDAY 4 JUNE 2010

Successful applicants will be notified by 21 June 2010. All applicants can access the list of successful applicants on the ASTA website www.asta.edu.au or the Science Week website on 21 June 2010.

Receipt of funding

Funding awarded to successful applicants will be made as one advance payment on receipt by STAV of a school invoice for the grant amount.

For more information please contact

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