



## Education Scotland invites you to apply for Round Two of its **Enhancing Professional Learning in STEM Grants Programme**

### About the grants programme

The Enhancing Professional Learning in STEM Grants Programme provides an exciting opportunity for practitioners, settings, school clusters and networks looking to build their confidence and improve their practice in STEM through professional learning. The programme also provides a valuable opportunity for organisations that provide professional learning in STEM to extend their offer and develop new approaches to meet the needs of practitioners.

The grants programme seeks to increase access to high-quality professional learning in the following areas:

- Mathematics and numeracy
- Technologies (including digital skills and engineering)
- Sciences
- Interdisciplinary STEM approaches.

We're keen to support any ideas you have, big or small, so please get in touch with our team via email: [stem@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:stem@educationscotland.gov.scot)

### What funding is available?

In financial year 2019/20 the grants programme will have two different funding streams:

- Regional and National Partner Fund
- Leadership and Collegiate Professional Learning fund.

The Regional and National Partner Fund is open to organisations supporting STEM at a regional and national level including: regional improvement collaboratives, local authorities, colleges, universities, science centres and festivals, learned societies, third sector organisations, professional associations and a wide range of STEM providers. The Leadership and Collegiate Professional Learning Fund, is being introduced for the first time in financial year 2019/20. This exciting funding stream has been designed to support practitioner and locally-led proposals including those from learning clusters and communities, and practitioner networks.

### Who will the grants support?

The grants programme seeks to support practitioners in the following target sectors: early learning and childcare, primary, additional support needs, secondary, community learning and development and school-based technical support staff.

### Background

The grants programme has been developed to support the implementation of the STEM Education and Training Strategy and the Making Maths Count Report. The Funds are also strongly aligned to the needs of practitioners as outlined in the findings of the Annual STEM Practitioner and Provider Surveys. In October 2018, Education Scotland awarded £187,000 to twenty-four organisations as part of Round 1 of the grants programme. Education Scotland is now liaising with these partners regarding plans for a second phase of funding to build on all that was achieved in Round 1. The grants programme will support subject-specific professional learning for each of the STEM-related disciplines including: numeracy and mathematics, technologies and sciences. The Funds will also support interdisciplinary STEM professional learning programmes.

#### How to apply

The guidance documents and application forms for each funding stream are available on the National Improvement Hub: <http://bit.ly/NIHSTEM>. The closing date for applications is 10:00 on Friday 28 June 2019.

To discuss ideas or request an engagement event within your authority or region, please email: [stem@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:stem@educationscotland.gov.scot). A PDF flyer has been attached for you to distribute through your networks.

In addition to the above, you may also be interested to know that the final evaluation of the RAiSE programme was published today. The Raising Aspirations in Science Education (RAiSE) Programme is a four-year pilot programme which was developed to support and coordinate professional learning in science and STEM for practitioners in primary schools. As a result of the very positive impact of this work, the programme will now be offered to local authorities across Scotland on a rolling basis. For more information about the programme and the evaluation, visit: <https://education.gov.scot/improvement/learning-resources/Raise>