

Targeting our provision where it's needed most

This criteria outlines how our charity seeks to identify and support underserved young people who will benefit most from our provision and remove financial barriers to participation.

How to meet our targeting criteria

We ask you to meet our targeting criteria to be considered for a provision bursary. This is to help you prioritise the varying needs of your students, alongside demonstrating that you have a robust approach to support the young people you have identified. We assess and score against:

Deprivation

- Young people in low-income households or neighbourhoods (determined by % of students receiving Free School Meals, Indices of Multiple Deprivation)

Access to STEM

- Your proximity to local STEM industry hubs, hotspots or leading companies
- Existing relationships with the STEM industry
- Experience participating in similar STEM enrichment programmes
- Access to technology and STEM facilities

Capability

- Your understanding of the programme's aims and ability to deliver with a student-led approach, including targeting and retention strategies
- The support network you will utilise to deliver the programme, e.g., departments, domain specialists, staff members, member networks and organisations

Inclusion

- How you intend to provide an inclusive learning environment for your team by striving to ensure at least 50% of your team comprises **young people who:**
 - Identify as girls or non-binary;
 - Are from underrepresented groups;
 - Are neurodiverse or have special educational needs;
 - Would be the first in the family to go to university;
 - Are at risk of becoming NEET, have poor attendance, low educational engagement or attainment;
 - Do not have a developed interest in STEM subjects

Strategic fit

- How your organisation aligns with our current strategic focus, including geographic areas of growth

Completing your bursary application

Schools and youth organisations can complete a bursary application when registering.

You will be asked to indicate in up to 400 words why your organisation should be supported and the impact this opportunity may have. You should use this to:

- Indicate the criteria you meet/intend to meet
- Provide supporting context specific to your circumstances and environment
- Be clear on who you will provide this provision for and support mechanisms
- Emphasise the impact the programme is likely to have
- Include any long-term goals the programme will help you achieve