

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. **With your support, we'll invest our resources more effectively and maximise our impact – making STEM less intimidating, more diverse and inclusive.**

Broadening opportunities with provision bursaries

For those that meet our targeting criteria, we provide partial and full provision bursaries covering the cost of robotics kits, educational resources, community facilitation and events. The cost of provision is approx. **£5000** per team and is funded by generous industry partners.

Together, we're committed to prioritise:

“Participation from schools and youth organisations with a clear route and aligned vision to engage and empower underserved and underrepresented young people.”

We define underserved young people as:

“12-18 year olds who face systemic challenges, resulting in inadequate access, opportunities and support in STEM education that significantly impacts their ability to reach their full potential.”

These systemic challenges include, but are not limited to:

- Socioeconomic deprivation
- Geographic location
- Access to technology and industry
- Gender and sex
- Disability and neurodiversity
- Ethnicity and race

How to meet our targeting criteria

We ask you to meet our targeting requirements to be considered for a provision bursary. While these are deliberately flexible – to help you prioritise the varying needs of your students – you must demonstrate 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)

Geography

- Expressed barriers, challenges and opportunities due to your rural/remote/urban location
- Distance from our nearest regional Champion Organisation and within 90 mins from a Qualifying Tournament location
- Whether you are in an Education Investment Area (England only)



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

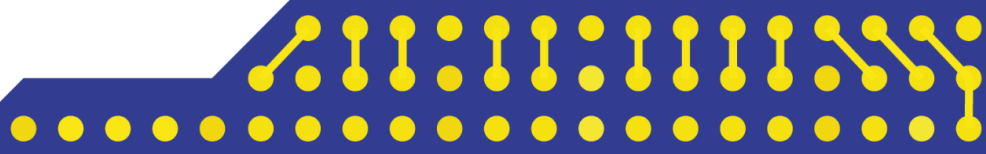
- Your understanding of the programme's aims and ability to deliver with a student-led approach
- The support network you will utilise to deliver the programme, eg departments, domain specialists, staff members, member networks and organisations

Inclusion

- How you intend to provide an inclusive learning environment for your team
- You will strive to ensure at least 50% of your team comprises of **young people who:**
 - Identify as girls or non-binary
 - Are from underrepresented groups
 - Are neurodiverse or have special educational needs
 - Would be first in family 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 you align with our current strategic focus including our mission



Completing your bursary application

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

You will be asked to indicate in 500 words or less 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 your support mechanisms
- Emphasise the impact the programme is likely to have
- Include any long-term goals the programme will help you achieve

When applying, you will be asked to commit to our [Equity, Diversity & Inclusion pledge](#).

Bursary notification

Our bursary committee reviews all applications, and decisions are usually shared within 14 days of the deadline. Incomplete applications will be declined, though we may occasionally request more information. You must accept the bursary to complete your registration.

Partial or unsuccessful bursaries

Applications that do not score highly but meet some criteria, may be granted a partial bursary. If your application is denied or a partial bursary is awarded, you can reapply and provide further information for assessment.

Special cases

At our discretion, we may offer bursaries outside our criteria, providing you can define a clear case for support. Read our full [bursary conditions](#).

