

## ASTA/STAT Grants for Schools

National Science Week is a chance to focus on the science, technology, engineering and innovation in our daily lives. Each year, the Australian Science Teachers Association (ASTA) and the University of TAS provide funding to the Science Teachers Association of TAS (STAT) for a limited number of grants to help TAS schools celebrate science.

### What is a National Science Week school grant?

A total of \$8000 is available through STAT to all teachers in TAS in the form of grants valued between \$100 and \$500 to complement school-based science activities for students in schools during National Science Week 15 – 23 August 2009.

### What kind of activities will be funded?

Examples of previously funded activities include; multi-school science festivals, invite-a-scientist, integrated curriculum programs, community science and astronomy nights, science fairs, lunch-time rotational activities. 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. The grants selection committee will look more favourably on activities that benefit the whole school rather than just one class or year group.

### Criteria for school grants

- The grant should enable your school to conduct science activities/events beyond its usual science program.
- The activity should bring to the attention of students (and teachers, and the community) the relevance of science to everyday life, to careers, and/or to industry.
- 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 to the success of the activity will help the selection panel determine the extent to which this criterion can be met.
- The activity should support ongoing increased participation in and engagement with science programs within the school.
- The application will be assessed on its merits relative to other applications.

### Grant selection process

A grant selection committee comprising members of STAT will consider all applications. Applications will be ranked according to the criteria listed above.

### Obligations of successful applicants

1. Complete the science activity as stated in the application during National Science Week 15-23 August 2009.
2. Provide a brief report of your funded activity on the template provided by STAT to successful applicants by Friday 4 September 2009. You can also use this report for your school newsletter!
3. Send a school invoice to STAT stating the grant amount plus GST component.

### How do I apply for a school grant?

Read the information on this page and complete all sections of the application form (on the other side of this page). Your Principal must co-sign the form. Post or fax your completed application form to the contact provided.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY STAT BY FRIDAY 22 MAY 2009**

Successful applicants will be notified by 22 June 2009. All applicants can access the list of successful applicants on the ASTA website [www.asta.edu.au](http://www.asta.edu.au) on 22 June 2009.

### For further information please contact

Rob Thomas STAT National Science Week Representative - [rob.thomas@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:rob.thomas@education.tas.gov.au)



**PLEASE READ THE GRANT INFORMATION ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FORM BEFORE COMPLETING THE DETAILS BELOW.**

Name of teacher making application \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) (First name) (Last name)

Position in school \_\_\_\_\_

School name \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact:** E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ phone no \_\_\_\_\_ fax \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief description of activity for which funding is sought:** (Please check the criteria on the other side of this form).

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Who will participate in this activity?** (tick all that apply)

- One class                       Multiple classes                       Whole school  
 More than one school                       Parents                       Broader community  
 Invited guests                       Primary & secondary

**Number of participants expected?** \_\_\_\_\_ students    \_\_\_\_\_ teachers    \_\_\_\_\_ parents    \_\_\_\_\_ community

**What science outcomes will this activity contribute to?**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Total grant amount requested: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ (Indicate amount between \$100-\$500)

**What will the grant money be spent on?** (please specify expected cost of items and activities)

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**Where did you hear about these grants?**

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**Grant Contract Agreement:**

I agree, on behalf of the school named above, to use the grant received entirely for the purpose described above and will complete a report on the template provided and send a school invoice to STAT NO LATER than Friday 4 September 2009. I am aware that the grant money will be paid in one up front instalment upon the receipt by STAT, of a school invoice.

Signed: (Teacher)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: (Principal)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that no personal information will be used and will be kept strictly confidential, however names of the school grant recipients will be forwarded to ASTA and DIISR and published on the ASTA website.

**POST/FAX COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM BY COB FRIDAY 2 MAY 2009 TO:**

Rob Thomas - STAT National Science Week Schools Representative  
c/- Cosgrove High School, 286 Main Street, Glenorchy TAS 7010 Fax: 03 6273 2699

**NB: Please keep a copy of your application for your reference.**