



Teacher Scientist Network (Wales)

Small Grants Scheme 2006/7

Introduction:

Do you have an idea to improve your partnership, or to devise TSN-related activities that just need funding to be realised? As part of the second phase of Teacher Scientist Network (Wales), we will be awarding a number of grants of up to £500 in 2006/7 for partnerships to develop science projects and activities. These activities should then be carried out with students or teachers as part of TSN (Wales).

You might like to:

- buy equipment for an after-school club
- produce a Welsh language CPD or Masterclass
- get help towards travel expenses
- produce printed resources that can be shared with other members of the network.

How to Apply:

Application forms should be completed, signed, dated, and returned to the TSN (Wales) coordinator no later than 5pm on 1 April 2007. If you have any queries, please contact the TSN (Wales) Coordinator on 029 20 475 475.

Applications should be coordinated through one of the TSN (Wales) partners, and approved and signed by the school's Head Teacher. Only one application per partnership will be permitted.

Application Guidelines:

- Projects should be developed and delivered by TSN (Wales) partners.
- Projects should involve activities which add value to (rather than duplicating) existing or planned initiatives.
- Project applications should demonstrate the cost-effective use of funding.
- Project plans must include an element of evaluation of the project's success.
- Partners will be required to provide a short report on funded projects by 31 October 2007. This report should be suitable for publication in school newsletters and/or the TSN (Wales) newsletter and website.

Completing Application Forms for Grant Funding:

Applications for funding should be made on the enclosed form and must provide a brief description of the project (in less than 400 words) and should:

- demonstrate how the TSN (Wales) funding will help with planned activities
- consider health and safety issues and provide risk assessment details
- specify the target audience and number of students involved
- include a brief breakdown of the costs involved and the total amount of funding required (up to £500 maximum) from TSN (Wales).
- provide an approximate start date, and a date by which the project will be completed.
- Projects should be completed, and any money spent or contractually committed by 14 October 2007.

Deadline for Applications:

Applications should be returned to TSN (Wales) coordinator, Techniquet, Stuart Street,

Cardiff, CF10 5BW by 5pm on 1 April 2007. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Note that the total budget available for the grant scheme is limited and even those bids that meet all of the specified criteria may not receive funding in this instance.

Final Project Report:

Successful applicants will be notified by 14 April 2007. Once the project has been completed, the applicant must provide a report (of no more than 500 words) that will include the following:

- brief summary of project aims
- brief evaluation of the success of the project including the number of students reached
- what lessons can be learned for the future
- details of any resources that were produced as a result of the project.

The report should be suitable for publication in school newsletters and/or the TSN (Wales) newsletter and website.

Reports should be completed and returned to the TSN (Wales) coordinator by 31 October 2007.