



Integrating STEM Ambassadors into your Royal Society Partnership Grant project

Getting one of our 30,000 volunteer STEM Ambassadors involved in your Partnership Grant project can help bring your STEM projects to life, injecting their enthusiasm, expertise and insightful activities into your classroom. These Ambassadors come from all walks of life to dedicate their time to inspire young people to pursue STEM. They achieve this by:

- Supporting learning: help young people to understand the real-world applications of their learning.
- Illuminating careers: showcase different roles and pathways into industry, raising awareness of important skills in the workplace.
- Raising aspirations: help young people meet a wide range of inspiring role models, encouraging them to think about their future.



All of our Ambassadors hold DBS / PVG certificates and have undergone induction training with our network of 17 hubs across the UK.

Types of activity STEM Ambassadors can get involved with

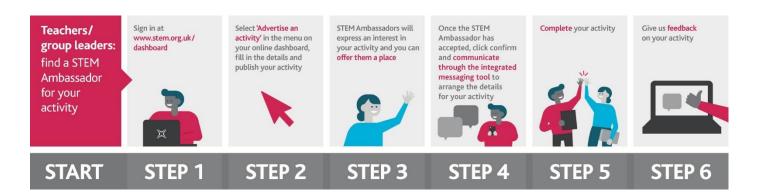
- **Mentoring a STEM project:** Have an industry expert support teams of young people in STEM related investigations to help build not only STEM skills, but also teamwork and communication. This is an essential part of any Partnership Grant project.
- **Enable careers discussions:** A STEM Ambassador can come into your school with a session ready to inspire your students. These can range from innovative approaches to scientific enquiry using bubbles, to exploring the local wildlife.
- Providing a STEM Workshop: Additional STEM Ambassadors could come into your schools with a session ready to inspire your students. These can range from innovative approaches to scientific enquiry using bubbles, to exploring the local wildlife around your school. Once Ambassadors know the theme of your project, they can provide these additional elements tailored to your school.
- **Guidance on how to embed a research culture into your school:** Ambassadors with a research background can offer additional support to you as a teacher to embed a culture of scientific enquiry and investigation into your school.
- You can find templates for requesting Ambassadors for support with these types of activities and more here.

Tips for requesting a STEM Ambassador

- Work collaboratively: While STEM Ambassadors are experts in their field, you are experts in your students and their needs.
- Be mindful: all our STEM Ambassadors are volunteers, with their own commitments outside of the programme. Prior planning and having realistic expectations of time commitments is key to working effectively with Ambassadors to have the maximum impact on young people.
- If you're struggling, contact your local <u>STEM Ambassador Hub</u>: These teams are the experts, and can support you scope activities for your STEM Ambassadors, helping craft a request which will attract the best Ambassadors the your needs.

How do I request a STEM Ambassador?

Request a STEM Ambassador by following the instructions below:



Additional guidance on planning activities can be found in our handbook for teachers.