



The Big Bang

UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair

The Big Bang Competition

Bursary Guidelines 2018/19

Helping you to attend the Finals

The Big Bang Competition has a bursary fund available to help assist projects (individuals or teams aged 11-18, plus up to two chaperones) to attend the finals on 13 & 14 March at the NEC, Birmingham.

Any projects invited to The Competition finals can apply for support, however, due to limited funds bursary grants will be allocated to those most in need of financial assistance due to factors such as socio-economic circumstances or lack of local financial support.

Bursary grants will be available for projects to support travel and/or accommodation and subsistence (please note that lunch will be provided for Competitors at the Fair). Only projects that cannot reasonably travel to the venue each day will be considered for accommodation grants.

Requirements of being a finalist:

Be on-site at the NEC, Birmingham from either 6pm on Tuesday 12 March or 7.45am on Wednesday 13 March (to set-up), to 5.30pm Thursday 14 March (once the Awards Ceremony has finished).

Applying for a bursary

All projects applying for a bursary grant are expected to have sought full or part funding from other external sources first (including school, governing bodies, LEAs, local charities and companies).

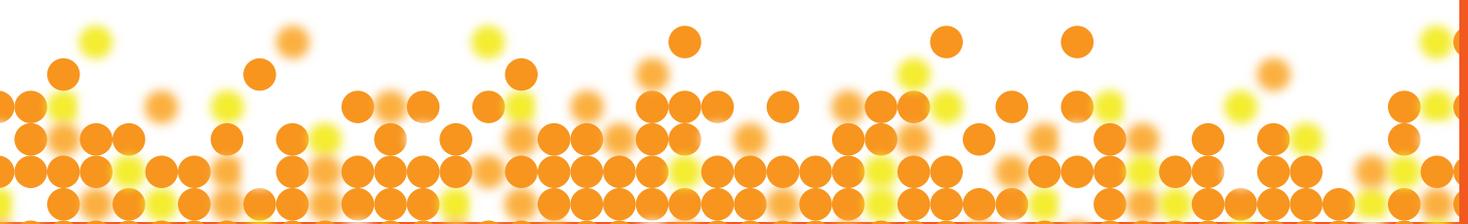
To apply for a bursary grant applicants are expected to demonstrate the following:

- Proof of applications for other funding, including correspondence.
- Full expected costs of travel/accommodation/subsistence as required (please complete 'The Big Bang Competition – bursary application' form)

Application dates

There will be two bursary application deadlines – each project can only apply for one deadline – this is to allow the booking of transport while costs are cheaper for those where this would be a great advantage. All applicants should receive confirmation whether they have been successful or unsuccessful within one month of the deadline.

- Friday 11 January 2019
- Friday 25 January 2019



Successful applicants

Successful applicants will be awarded a grant to purchase travel, accommodation (for two nights unless there are exceptional circumstances) and subsistence. This can be claimed by completing an expenses form with attached VAT receipts by 25 March 2019 (no expenses submitted after this time will be reimbursed)

Projects that end up not attending the finals at The Big Bang Fair will not have any expenses paid unless there are exceptional circumstances

Each grant is based on the number of students within a project team, and this should be used to cover costs for chaperones

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, grants are unlikely to exceed the following amounts:

First student	A maximum of £400
Second student	A maximum of £250
Third student	A maximum of £250
Fourth student	A maximum of £200
Fifth student	A maximum of £200
Sixth student	A maximum of £200
Maximum for a team of 6 or more:	£1500

*Bursary grants will only be provided for a maximum of six students. Teams can be bigger than six but only six students can be on the stand when being judged and therefore only this number will be covered by the Competition bursary.

