



## TACT Mini-grant to Enhance Chemistry Learning Application

The Tidewater Alliance of Chemistry Teachers (TACT) was founded in 1975 and actively served the needs of area chemistry teachers for 37 years. When it ceased to exist in 2012, the organization made an endowment to VAST to continue to promote the teaching of chemistry within Virginia. This mini-grant offering is funded by their generous endowment.

The purpose of the TACT Mini-grant is to provide seed money for innovative curriculum activities to expand chemistry student learning opportunities. One teacher must be designated as the Project Director.

The **Project Director** must:

- a) be a **current member of VAST** (dues paid for 2024-25),
- b) have a minimum of **three** years of experience as an elementary or secondary science classroom teacher, and
- c) be **currently employed** as a classroom teacher in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Recipients will be selected by a committee appointed by the VAST President. The committee will be looking for projects that will directly impact chemistry learning (K-12). The committee will also evaluate the originality, creativity and cost effectiveness of the proposals. One, or more, grants totaling \$1,500 will be awarded. Ideally, the projects that are funded will provide the students with new experiences and make possible new scientific investigations. Proposals that include student hands-on activities are preferred. Preference will be given to persons who have not received prior TACT Mini-grant awards. The selection committee may elect to not make an award if the proposals do not meet the stated criteria.

Mini-grant funds may be spent for supplies, equipment, printing, and other materials essential to the project. Mini-grant funds may be used for student travel as long as less than 50% of the grant is designated for this purpose. Funds may not be used for the personal remuneration of the grant recipients. All materials will become the property of the school/school system in which the Project Director is employed at the time the grant is awarded.

Upon completion of the activity, the Project Director is responsible for submitting the following by **September 30 of calendar year**:

- 1) an article about the project for the newsletter ([newsletter@vast.org](mailto:newsletter@vast.org) ;
- 2) an accounting of how/where the project funds were spent – with receipts, [treasurer@vast.org](mailto:treasurer@vast.org) ;
- 3) arrange to make a presentation sharing the project at a VAST Regional meeting or at the VAST PDI.  
VAST PDI Presenter forms may be found at [www.vast.org](http://www.vast.org) ; and,
- 4) return any unused funds to the VAST Treasurer.

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### Submission Deadline is September 30

The Mini-grant requirements and application form may be accessed on the VAST Web site [www.vast.org](http://www.vast.org).

**If not submitted on-line, this form is to be copied and submitted as a cover-sheet. Please fill in (print) all information, and attach:**

- 1) a budget showing how you plan to utilize the funds; and,
- 2) a summary of the project details (2-page maximum) - to include: general purpose, goals, a plan of action, anticipated outcomes, and why you require financial assistance.

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Funding requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Project Director's name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School Division: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Additional team members:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**The project will:** Serve grades: \_\_\_\_ ; Impact (#): \_\_\_\_ Students & # \_\_\_\_ Staff members. **Agreed to:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Project Director*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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*Signature of Principal/Supervisor*

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*Date*

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**All proposals must be received or postmarked by September 30 to be considered**  
Send To: VAST Awards Committee c/o Sandy Pace 6980 Coleman's Crossing Ave. Hayes, VA 23072  
or Email: [awards@vast.org](mailto:awards@vast.org) 804-693-5936