



TACT Mini-grant to Enhance Chemistry Learning 2019 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 2018), 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 **June 10, 2020**:

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

Submission Deadline is August 20, 2019

The Mini-grant requirements and application form may be accessed on the VAST Web site 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

Signature of Principal/Supervisor

Date

All proposals must be received or postmarked by August 20, 2019 to be considered Send
To: VAST Awards Committee c/o Sandy Pace 6980 Coleman's Crossing Ave. Hayes, VA 23072
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