



## Virginia Association of Science Teachers Innovation Mini-Grant 2019 Application

The purpose of the VAST Mini-Grant program is to provide seed money for innovative curriculum activities which expand learning opportunities for science students. Team applications are welcome, however one person must be designated as the Project Director.

The **Project Director** must a) be a **current member of VAST** (dues paid for 2019, b) have a minimum of **three** years' experience as an elementary or secondary classroom teacher, and c) **be currently as a classroom teacher** in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Awardees will be selected by a committee appointed by the VAST President. The committee will be looking for projects that will **directly** impact student learning in the science classroom. The committee will also evaluate the originality, creativity and cost effectiveness of the proposals. Ideally, the projects that are funded will provide the students with new experiences and make possible new scientific investigations. Preference will be given to persons who have not received prior VAST Mini-grant awards. The selection committee may elect to not make an award if the proposals do not meet the stated criteria. It is anticipated that most awards will be made in the range of \$200-\$500.

Mini-grant funds may be spent for supplies, equipment, printing, and other materials essential to the project. Mini-grant funds are not intended for student travel (field trips) or 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 funded activity, the Project Director is responsible for submitting the following by **June 10, 2020**:

- 1) a short summary report to [president@vast.org](mailto:president@vast.org)
- 2) a brief article about the project for the newsletter to [newsletter@vast.org](mailto:newsletter@vast.org)
- 3) an accounting of how/where the project funds were spent to [treasurer@vast.org](mailto:treasurer@vast.org)
- 4) arrange to make a presentation sharing the project with others- VAST PDI Presenter, forms found at [www.vast.org](http://www.vast.org) ; and
- 5) return any unused funds to VAST treasurer

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**Submission deadline is August 20, 2019**

**Recipients will be notified, and funds sent, by October 1, 2019**

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 need financial assistance.

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

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

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Additional team members:

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

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

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*Signature of Project Director*    *Date*

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*Signature of Principal/Supervisor*    *Date*

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**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

Email    awards@vast.org    [804-693-5936](tel:804-693-5936)