

UK Space Agency
Space Exploration Education
Announcement of Opportunity
Closing Date: 7th July 2015

Background

The UK Space Agency is making in the region of £100k available for education activities related to its space exploration programmes

Our space exploration programmes provide a range of opportunities for inspiring learning and interest in UK space activities and science in general. The objectives of the education programme are:

- Encourage children to take up and excel at STEM subjects;
- Raise awareness of careers in space-related industries and research
- Raise wider awareness of the UK's space exploration programme.

Purpose of the AO

The purpose of this AO is to build upon the Agency's investment in two areas:

- the Aurora programme for robotic exploration of Mars
- the ELIPS programme for microgravity research

Where proposals concern the utilisation of ELIPS facilities, this must be clear and distinct from activities concerning Tim Peake's mission, which has its own extensive programme of dedicated education. Under the terms of the present call, the Agency is primarily interested in those complementary research platforms which underpin human spaceflight (e.g. drop towers, the Concordia station, bed rest, parabolic flights, *etc*).

The Agency expects to make between 2 and 5 awards, up to a total value of around £100k. Projects may be targeted at specific audiences and may include:

- Delivery of curriculum enrichment activities
- Delivery of activities to promote careers in the space sector

Criteria and Review

Proposals will be judged by a Review Panel led by the UK Space Agency and supported by representatives of the UK space community. The review criteria will include:

- Quality and practicality of the proposals
- Size of the audience that will be reached
- Value for Money

How to apply

Please complete the appended application form and return to charlotte.blakekerry@ukspaceagency.bis.gsi.gov.uk. Please note that any application exceeding the word limit or received after the application deadline will not be considered for funding.

Timing

Projects should commence before the end of 2015 and be completed by 31 March 2016