SAMPLE DOCUMENT — Please apply online at go.unc.edu/SFAS

2027 Science for All Summit Mini Awards

The Science for All Summit is offering program/event awards of up to $1,500 to seed new events and programs as part of the 2027 Science for All Summit. The Student and Educator Awards are $1,500 each while the Science for All Summit Non-Profit Award is $1,000. The Science for All Summit is offering funds to support a select group of community programs and/or events themed around access in STEM and happening during the Call to Action year following the Summit. This is one way we hope to better support our mission and strengthen exciting school and public programs for the people of North Carolina.

Priority of awards will be given to programs/events that:

1. Expand access and opportunities to communities that have been historically under-resourced and underserved
2. Create inclusive environments to engage diverse community audiences
3. Connect experts to the general public, K-12 students, and other targeted audiences
4. Create one or more new partnerships for your organization (or your effort)

ELIGIBILITY: Program/Event grantee with a track record of creating high quality science education events for North Carolina audiences, inclusive of non-profit organizations $1,000, educators (formal and informal) $1,500, and students (high school and college) $1,500. Grantees may apply for up to $1,500.

HOW TO APPLY: Submit the online application form below. Requirements for submissions are below.

- Deadline to apply: January 11, 2027 (11:59 p.m. Eastern).
- Sponsored programs/events will be notified of awards one week after the deadline to apply.
- The maximum sponsorship amount that can be applied for is $1,500.
- Funds will be disbursed in February 2027.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EVENT FUNDS:

1. Event must be offered at least once between March 2027 to January 2028.
2. If selected, finalized program/event details and description must be submitted by January 30, 2027, along with a signed letter of agreement.

3. Grantees must agree to promote the Science for All Summit, adhere to Summit branding guidelines, and to use Summit materials leading up to and during the event.
4. Grantees must use Summit evaluation tools if applicable.
5. After event: Grantees must submit an expense report, return any unspent funds, and submit evaluation results as requested by the Science for All Summit team by February 1, 2028.
6. Grantees must agree to attend the 2028 Science for All Summit and present either a poster or breakout session about their award impact from the previous year. Registration and travel will be covered for the grantees.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS (These are the question components.):

1. GRANTEES' STATEMENT: Brief description of your organization (or your effort) and its involvement with STEM education. How does the proposed program/event support the organization's mission? (Limit: 250 words)
2. PROGRAM/EVENT PROPOSAL: Description of the proposed program/event. Is pre-registration required for participants? What other organizations, if any, will be involved in the event? (Limit: 500 words)
3. INNOVATION: Describe how this program/event is new or innovative. If you've hosted this program/event before, what elements are you adding for 2027? (Limit: 250 words)
4. SCIENCE FOR ALL: The Science for All Summit is committed to the mission of "Science for All." How will your event help achieve that mission and improve access to STEM opportunities for North Carolinians, particularly underserved and under-resourced populations. (Limit: 250 words)
5. STATEMENT DESCRIBING HOW FUNDS WILL BE SPENT: What is the overall cost (estimated) to present the program/event? Please provide details about how funds will be spent. (Limit: 250 words)
6. BRANDING PLAN: Describe how your organization will co-brand this program/event as part of the 2028 Science for All Summit. (Limit: 250 words)
7. DOCUMENTATION: Submit 501(c)3 letter for nonprofit organizations. Submit letter of support from principal, assistant principal, or other immediate supervisor for educators. Submit letter of support from community leader(s) for students.

Questions? Please contact Crystal Harden, Ed.D., Director of Programs and Strategic Engagement, at 919-843-8496 or charden@unc.edu. Please click the blue arrow to the right (bottom) to continue the application process.

First Name:

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Last Name:

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Organization:

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Email Address:

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Phone Number:

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Program and/or Event Title:

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Program and/or Event Grantee's Statement: Brief description of your organization (or your effort) and its involvement with STEM education. How does the proposed program/event support the organization’s mission? (Limit: 500 words)

Event Proposal: Provide details of the proposed program/event. What does the registration process encompass? What other organizations, if any, will be involved in the event? (Limit: 500 words)

What is new or innovative about this program/event?: Describe how this program/event is new or innovative. If you have hosted this program/event before, what elements are you adding for 2027? (Limit: 250 words)

Science for All: The Science for All Summit is committed to the mission of “Science for All.” How will your program/event help to achieve that mission and improve access to STEM opportunities for North Carolinians, particularly underserved and under resourced populations? (Limit: 500 words)

Amount requested (dollar amount):

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Statement describing how funds will be spent: What is the overall cost (estimated) to present the program/event, and what amount is the grantee requesting for the award? Please provide details about how funds will be spent. (Limit: 250 words)

Branding Plan: Describe how your organization (or your effort) will co-brand this program/event as part of the 2028 Science for All Summit (Limit: 250 words)

Documentation: Upload your letter of support or your 501(c)3 letter. If unable to upload then email to scienceforallsummit@unc.edu with your file saved as your contact name.