

Pathways to Discovery

1. Solent East Careers Hub

In 2018 the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) successfully applied to be one of 21 Careers Hub pilot areas. The Solent East Careers Hub covers the area of Fareham, Gosport, Havant, and Portsmouth and includes 35 secondary schools and colleges. The focus of the Solent East Careers Hub is on key sectors for the Solent such as marine/maritime, advanced manufacturing, engineering/construction and digital/technology and the careers available and the range of opportunities within these sectors - making careers information advice and guidance directly relevant to the local specialisms now, and in the future. As part of developing the Solent East Careers Hub, the LEP is seeking to support Junior Schools (ages 7-11) to discover innovative approaches for careers pathways to make our young people future-ready.

2. Opportunity

Pathways to Discovery is a competitive fund open to all Junior Schools in the Fareham, Gosport, Havant, and Portsmouth areas, only, of the wider Solent to help them deliver innovative approaches to inspire young people through the promotion of STEM education, links to industry and careers horizons, setting young people on journeys of discovery to be the pioneers of the future. **In this pilot, we are looking to support one school from Portsmouth, one school from Havant, and one school from the Fareham/Gosport area (three schools in total).**

Up to £5,000 is being made available to successful applicants.



3. Core Funding Criteria

Core eligibility criteria for this funding are:

- Must be a school teaching children aged 7-11
- The minimum funding request is £1,000
- The maximum funding request is £5,000
- You must demonstrate matching funding (in-kind or cash)
- Your project must start between 1st March 2019 and 30th June 2019
- You must demonstrate how the Pathways to Discovery fund will support the development of careers pathways in the Solent East Careers Hub (as described in 1, above)
- You must identify a senior project officer to lead this project
- The school must be located in the Solent East Careers Hub Area (Fareham, Gosport, Havant, and Portsmouth)

Collaborative applications (between a Junior school and one or more secondary schools that the Junior School feeds into) will be considered, but each application must have a named lead applicant, with the lead applicant organisation required to be a Junior School.

All bids must include a letter of support from the school headteacher confirming that the necessary resources and authority are in place to deliver the project.

4. How to Apply

To apply please complete the short application form, which is available [here](#). Please send your completed application form to funding@solentlep.org.uk, by the closing date of **Thursday 7th February 2019**.

5. When to Apply

The deadline for application is **Thursday 7th February 2019**. This is a pilot fund, and, depending on an evaluation of this initial pilot round, further application rounds may be published.

6. What your application will need to demonstrate

Your application will need to:

- Demonstrate in no more than 1,000 words how your project will:
 - Promote STEM education, careers, and links to industry;
 - Promote careers pathways for young people;
 - Translate STEM activity as part of a coordinated pathway to secondary education;
 - Deliver an innovative approach to STEM education;
 - Prepare young people for the careers of the future within the context of eth Solent East Careers Hub;
- Set out the total project costs including:
 - What any LEP funding will be spent on (this may include, for instance, staff time, equipment and curriculum materials);
 - What your contribution will be (this can be an in-kind contribution, such as teacher time or equipment; or a funding contribution);
- Include a brief project plan setting out key milestones, to include project start date and project completion date (when it is ready to support learning). Please note, all projects must start between March and June 2019;
- Share best practice demonstrated by your project to other schools;
- Set out, clearly, what your project will deliver (the Outputs). These could be:
 - Encounters with industry;
 - Linking curriculum to careers;
 - A stable careers programme;
 - STEM pathways to Secondary education.

7. Application Process

This is a competitive application process. All applications will be reviewed by an independent panel, with funding decisions made by the Solent Employment and Skills Board at its meeting on 18th February 2019. Your application will be assessed against the criteria set out above.

We expect to respond to all applicants by Friday 1st March 2019.

8. Contact

For any questions, please contact the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership on 023 92 688 924 / info@solentlep.org.uk.