



Methanex STEM Learning Fund

In partnership with Methanex NZ, this fund supports activities, initiatives or organisations that encourage Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths learning opportunities in the Taranaki region.

Funds are available to improve and enhance STEM learning through purchasing new equipment, digital technologies, engineering kits or supporting programmes and projects that promote STEM experiences in the classroom.

Application Dates:

Applications open **1 June and close 15 June each year**

Available Funding:

Total funding available is \$15,000 (2026)

The Methanex STEM Learning Fund will offer grants between \$500 and \$3,000 (to a maximum of \$5,000) depending on the scale and impact of the project. Due to limited funds, some projects may receive partial funding.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be a school or recognised educational organisation within the Taranaki region.
- Projects or initiatives should be related to STEM education which will benefit students and enhance learning outcomes. Funds cannot be used for operational or ongoing school running costs.
- Funds must be spent within 1 year.
- Only **one** application per organisation can be submitted via the entity that will manage the activity.

Please note: this fund does **not** support individuals, retrospective grants, professional fundraising campaigns, GoFundMe campaigns, political organisations, religious groups or sporting activities.

What We're Looking For:

The Fund aims to support projects that:

- Inspire students' curiosity and engagement in STEM subjects.
- Create sustainable or long-term benefits for the school or community.
- Support equity of access to STEM learning (eg removing financial barriers).
- Encourage collaboration or innovation in teaching and learning.

Application Process:

Applicants will need to provide:

- A completed application form (via Taranaki Foundation website).
- A simple project budget/cost breakdown.
- Optional supporting materials (photos, quotes, plans etc).

Selection Process:

- Applications will be reviewed by Taranaki Foundation in partnership with Methanex NZ.
- Successful applicants will be notified directly.

Grant Conditions:

- Funds must be used for the purpose stated in the application.
- Projects should generally be completed within 12 months of receiving funding.
- Recipients may be asked to share a short impact update or photos for Foundation communications.
- If the project cannot proceed, funds must be returned or reallocated by agreement.