



# Methanex STEM Learning Fund

## Application Guidance Notes

### Growing curiosity and engagement in STEM learning

#### Methanex STEM Learning Fund 2026

Applications open 1 June and close 15 June.

In partnership with Methanex NZ, the Fund supports activities and initiatives that provide hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) learning opportunities in Taranaki. Funding can be used to purchase new equipment, digital technologies, engineering kits, or to support programmes and projects that give students practical STEM experiences.

A total of \$15,000 is available, with grants ranging from \$500 to \$3,000, up to a maximum of \$5,000 for larger projects. Due to limited funds, projects may receive partial funding.

#### How to Apply

All applications must be submitted through our Funding Portal which will be open from 1 June:

- Register with your email and create a password.
- On the 'Log in to Your Account' click 'Not a member?' at the bottom right and follow the prompts.
- Returning applicant? Log in using your existing details.
- Forgot your password? Contact us and we'll help reset it.
- You can save your application and return to it later. Just log in, go to 'My applications,' and continue where you left off.

Before you begin, make sure you have:

- A clear description of your project.
- A simple project budget or cost breakdown.
- Optional supporting materials (photos, quotes, plans, etc).
- Your organisation's bank account number and proof of account (eg deposit slip or screenshot).

#### Need Help?

We're here to make the process as simple and supportive as possible. If you're unsure or need guidance at any stage, please reach out.

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## What We're Looking For

The Methanex Learning Fund aims to support projects that:

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

## Who Can Apply

- Applicants must be a school or recognised educational organisation in Taranaki.
- 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.
- 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.

## Selection Process

- Applications will be reviewed by Taranaki Foundation in partnership with Methanex NZ.
- Successful applicants will be notified directly.
- Grants are expected to be paid by the end of July.

## 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
- Grants do not include GST.

## Together, we are building reliable long-term funding streams to support our community forever

Taranaki Foundation understands that building healthy, vibrant communities requires long-term, sustainable support and resources. That's why we invest and grow the gifts we receive, however big or small, to create positive change in our region — both now and for generations to come.

Your donation



is invested and grows over time to help



our region



and our community



“We want students to be inspired by STEM, to engage in hands-on learning, and to develop the curiosity, creativity and problem-solving skills that will help shape the next generation of Taranaki innovators, creators, and leaders.”

Steph Julian, Manager  
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