



Greater Cincinnati STEM Collaborative (GCSC)

Applications for Summer of STEM 2017 Mini-Grants

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Greater Cincinnati STEM Collaborative (GCSC) helps prepare students for their futures and to join Greater Cincinnati's workforce through connected, robust STEM learning pathways. STEM learning is propelled by business, education, community collaboration and our culture of incubation, acceleration, and inclusion.

Our vision is that Greater Cincinnati is a technologically rich, vibrant community with the most talented STEM workforce in the country that is representative of the region's population. GCSC prioritizes organizations serving higher percentages of disadvantaged youth for direct funding and support.

All Summer of STEM 2017 mini-grant applications must be submitted by Friday, February 17, 2017.

Summer of STEM 2017

Summer of STEM is a new, groundbreaking GCSC initiative that ran for the first time in 2016. Summer of STEM transforms our region into a classroom without walls and create opportunities for students to explore STEM learning and careers specifically during the summer months. The initiative's two main objectives are:

1. Dramatically increase the number of people, especially parents and families, aware of the outstanding opportunities available to students when they pursue STEM education and careers.
2. Make high-quality summertime STEM programming accessible to significantly more K-12 students in our region, especially diverse, disadvantaged children.

Visit the [Summer of STEM webpage](#) to see stories from Summer of STEM 2016, review results, and more.

Due to the generosity of our supporters, GCSC is pleased to:

1. Offer mini-grants for organizations to serve diverse, disadvantaged students with high-quality, STEM programs during the summer months. Each grant request must be for \$4,000 or less and programs must employ [STEM Engagement Best Practices](#). Organizations running multiple summer programs using best practices may submit an application for more than one program.
2. Announce two new events to engage more students, educators, and families during the summer months: Greenlight for Girls sponsored by P&G and the Summer of STEM Educators Summit presented with partners at the University of Cincinnati. More information about these events will be available by February, 2017.

Mini-Grant Timeline

Milestone	Date
Summer of STEM application process announced	December 14, 2016
Application window opens https://gcsc.submittable.com/submit	December 21, 2016
Applications due https://gcsc.submittable.com/submit	February 17, 2017
Mini grant recipients announced – Round 1	March 15, 2017
Program Planning Workshop	April 28, 2017 (2:00 – 3:30pm)
Mini grant recipients announced – Round 2	June 1, 2017
Summer of STEM Community Debrief	August 10, 2017 (11:00am – 1:00pm)
Mini-grant results (impact) report due to GCSC	October 31, 2017

Selection Principles

1. **Inclusion and Access:** Any summer STEM programming provider may apply. GCSC will award funds broadly across the region, while meeting other principles.
2. **STEM engagement best practices:** Funded programs will successfully employ [STEM Engagement Best Practices](#).
3. **Sustainability:** Programs already running and / or supported by other funders will be prioritized for 80-90% of GCSC's mini-grant funds.
4. **Innovation:** 10-20% of GCSC mini-grant funds will be allocated to support new, innovative approaches to apply [STEM Engagement Best Practices](#) to engage students in STEM during the summer months.
5. **Sponsor Priority:** Funding will be awarded in line with sponsors' priorities: geographic location / diversity, student age and / or diversity, etc.

[Click here to see the application](#)

Additional, Non-Financial Resources Provided By GCSC

1. Consulting re program design, especially to include [STEM Engagement Best Practices](#) in Summer of STEM programs (Program Planning Workshop scheduled for April 28, 2017, 2:00pm-3:30pm).
2. Community-Wide Debrief to capture program-specific and region-level successes, lessons learned, and opportunities for improvement (scheduled for August 10, 2017, 11:00am-1:00pm).
3. Measurement tools and processes, to evaluate impact and drive continuous program improvement.
4. Coaching and support to help partners publish programs on the integrated program website hosted by ArtsWave and GCSC: <http://www.cincyartsandstem.org/>
5. Media releases, storytelling, and sponsor engagement.

Submitting Your Application

Use this link to submit your application: <https://gscs.submittable.com/submit>

Once you're on the application site:

1. Make an account or sign in.
2. Begin filling out your information.
3. If you want to save a draft, scroll to the bottom of the application and click the "Save Draft" button. Access draft by logging into submittable.com, clicking the drop down menu on the top right by your name, clicking "My Submissions," selecting "Saved Drafts" from the top bar, then clicking "Continue."
4. When your application is complete, click the orange Submit button. You will receive an email confirming your application has been received.

Questions? Contact GCSC

Contact GCSC at gscstemed@gmail.com if more information is needed to complete an application. Inquiries should include a description of the information needed and full contact information (name, organization, email address, and phone number).

