



The Worshipful Company of Educators



The Educators' Trust

## FRANKLIN GRANTS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Description and Conditions of Entry.

The Educators' Trust of the Worshipful Company of Educators is offering a small number of **Franklin Grants for Professional Development** for the year 2026. Applications are invited from educators **with at least 3 years' recent working experience and who are resident in the United Kingdom** who wish to broaden their professional skills. Franklin Grants, named after the Founding Master of the Worshipful Company of Educators, the late Professor Raoul Franklin CBE, are intended to provide short-duration assistance to practitioners to undertake activities, including short courses, which increase their effectiveness and proficiency and contribute to education more generally.

The **deadline for the receipt of applications is 24 NOVEMBER 2025**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by the middle of **DECEMBER 2025**.

### HOW TO ENTER.

- 1) Applicants should complete and submit the grant application form which is attached. Applicants can come from any sector of education and training, from early years to lifelong learning, including those who are employed full-time, part-time or are self-employed.
- 2) The application form invites a proposal for an activity which enables the applicant to enhance their professional skills and experience. Please expand the space in the application form if necessary.

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.

- 3) Priority will be given to proposals which address issues arising from the developing educational environment such as, for example, the effective use of new methods in teaching and learning or improvements in the management of education. Other proposals will also be considered, such as attendance at approved short courses, both face-to-face or on-line, that offer continuing professional development opportunities. Support for presenting papers, demonstrations or performance at conferences, symposia or studio workshops will be considered, but attendance alone may not.
- 4) Grants of **up to £1000** will be available and applicants must give details on their application form of how this will be spent. Course fees or other expenditure associated with an activity are eligible but not claims for loss of income. The grant will be paid directly to the applicant at the beginning of the project period. In the case of attendance at courses, please apply well in advance of scheduled tuition.
- 5) Successful applicants will be expected to undertake and complete their activity no later than **31 AUGUST 2026**. They will also be expected to provide a short report of up to 500 words at the end of their activity, with accompanying documentation, such as certificates of attendance or completion, where relevant and available. Applications for courses of longer than eight months will not be eligible.
- 6) All applications for grants will be considered by a panel drawn from the Educators' Trust. If more applications are received than can be met from the money available, the panel members will exercise their collective professional judgement in deciding the precise allocation of individual grants. All decisions will be final and not open to discussion.
- 7) Grants will be given to individuals, but not to groups and only one grant will be given to any individual within a particular round of awards. However, applicants may submit proposals on future occasions, whether they have been successful or not.

Inquiries and entries should be sent to the Convener of the Awards Panel at [grants@educatorstrust.org.uk](mailto:grants@educatorstrust.org.uk)

<b>THE EDUCATORS' TRUST – FRANKLIN GRANTS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FORM</b>
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*Please complete this form to make an application for an 'Educators' Trust Franklin Grant for Professional Development.' We are particularly interested in proposals which address issues arising from the developing educational environment, such as the effective use of digital technology or new methods in teaching and learning or strategies for improving the management and delivery of education (these are examples only). Other proposals will also be considered, such as attendance at approved short courses providing continuing professional development. Support for presenting papers, demonstrations or performance at conferences, symposia or studio workshops will be considered, but attendance alone will not. Grants are intended for the use of the individual applicant and will not be available to sponsor activities by others.*

*Please note that the deadline for applications is **24 NOVEMBER 2025**. Successful applicants will be expected to undertake and complete their activity within six months of receiving their grant. They will also be expected to provide a report of this activity of up to 500 words with accompanying documentation, where relevant and available, no later than **31 AUGUST 2026**.*

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Contact Details:</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>Brief CV</b> (include details of current work in education and of work in education in the preceding 3-5 years)	
<b>Description of proposed activity.</b> (Include details of activity provider and website, and of costs involved)	

**Outline your reasons, in no more than 500 words, for wanting to undertake the proposed activity, the intended outcomes and development objectives.**

**Duration (start / end dates of activity)**

**Amount of grant sought and details of proposed expenditure (up to £1000)**

**Applicant's Signature:**

**Date:**

**Please send this form to the Convener of the Awards Panel at [grants@educatorstrust.org.uk](mailto:grants@educatorstrust.org.uk)**