

Resources for high-quality, informal STEM programming | March 24, 2018



2018 AzCASE STEM Grants: Apply Today!

DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2018

AzCASE and Cox Communications invite Arizona out-of-school time programs to apply for a **2018 Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) grant**. Programs are encouraged to work with staff and youth to develop creative, new ways to incorporate STEM into out-of-school time programming.



Grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 will be funded based on the quality and impact of the proposed projects.

Programs serving K-12 youth afterschool, before school, during summer and on school breaks are **eligible to apply**.

Grants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Quality of the STEM project concept
- Alignment with out-of-school time best practices
- Demographic reach of the project
- Clear budget that aligns with STEM project described

An extra point will be awarded to programs that have signed the **Make It Count Pledge**, and an extra two points will be awarded to programs that have submitted an assessment using the **Arizona Quality Standards Assessment Tool**.

[Learn more & apply](#)

Cast Your Vote!

The Cox Connect2STEM Awards are open for public vote! We're proud to partner with Cox Communications and the AZ SciTech Festival to honor STEM champions in the areas of business, nonprofit, education, media and afterschool programs. Each award winner will receive a \$1,000

to award to the STEM program of their choice along with a profile video and promotion on Cox cable networks. Awards will be recognized at the AZ SciTech Finale Event in May. Learn about the award finalists and cast your votes for those you think should win \$1,000! Voting will close on March 30th.

Check out the finalists and cast your vote!



Afterschool Webinar: Exploring the Environment in Afterschool

March 29, 2018, 2:00 PM ET

Environmental education inspires students to engage with and learn about the world around them.

Afterschool programs have a unique opportunity to foster this exploration of the natural world, take students outside, and engage students in real-world science. Join us in this great webinar to get valuable insights on tools, curricula, and resources available around environmental education in afterschool, featuring presenters from Plum Landing, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and Science Action Club.

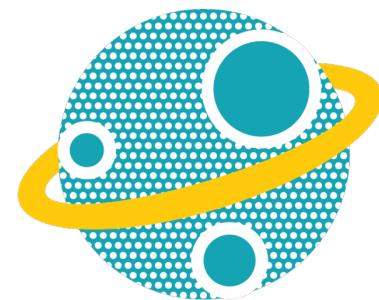


[Learn more](#)

Click2SciencePD Trainer Institute

Click2SciencePD is hosting a 2nd National Trainer Institute in Omaha, NE on May 22-23, 2018. The two-day institute is designed to prepare individuals to provide Click2Science professional development to staff or volunteers in OST programs. Participants will experience Click2Science trainings, practice facilitating Click2Science trainings with peers, and leave with a professional development plan to implement with an organization. Participants are supported by a community of practice as they implement STEM-focused professional development with organizations and programs.

[Learn more](#)



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