



Science Inquiry Fund

Thank you for your interest in the Science Inquiry Fund (SIF). We look forward to the opportunity to serve your students and to bring them high-quality, hands-on science programs free of charge.

Deadline and Notification Dates. Applications can be submitted anytime. Notifications will be made on or before Sept. 30, Dec. 31, and April 30. Funds are available to qualified organizations only. Organizations will not be granted more than \$1,500 per year. Organizations may receive partial funding, based on SIF funds available.

Eligibility. To receive funding from the SIF, an applicant teacher must meet the following requirements:

- ✓ Your students must be between the grades of pre-K through 9;
- ✓ Your school must be low-income;
- ✓ For K-8 teachers, low-income means 40% or more of the student body is eligible for free or reduced price meals;
- ✓ For pre-K teachers and child care centers, low-income means your child care center serves a student body where over 40% qualify for Pennsylvania Child Care Works (CCW) subsidy.

What the SIF pays for. The SIF covers all per-student charges for all Center programs, including field trips, Outreach Science Programs, and Outreach Science Shows. Each application is limited to \$1,500 in total funds requested. The SIF does not cover meals or transportation.

What we expect from you. You must complete the application provided. If you are selected to receive an award, you must make all the arrangements including permission forms, transportation, administrative approval, etc. On the day of the trip, your school or child care Center must provide the appropriate number of teachers and chaperones for your students, depending on their grade level and type of program. For field trips, we require:

- For grades pre-K –through 2: 1 adult for every 5 students
- For grades 3 and above: 1 adult for every 10 students
- For groups that have mixed grade levels Pre K-9: 1 adult for every 7 students.

You must arrange for and supervise all necessary transportation.

You must complete all program evaluation forms as requested by DSC staff. These brief questionnaires help us deliver the best possible service and your feedback is invaluable in that effort. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance!

DA VINCI SCIENCE CENTER SCIENCE INQUIRY FUND
2016-2017 Application Form

School/Group Name _____
 School District _____
 Street Address _____
 Contact Name _____
 Email address: _____
 Phone Number: _____

Have you received Science Inquiry Funds in the past? Yes No
 If yes please state the year, amount, and use of Funds:

Grade Level (s) _____
 Science Topics Taught:

% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch in your school _____%
 % of students eligible for PA Child Care Works Subsidy _____%

- Type of request:
- Field Trip to DSC
 - Membership
 - Outreach Program at your site
 - Summer Camp

Programs Requested:	# of students
_____ DSC Facility Field Trip September 1-March 31 Preferred Dates:	_____ x \$9.50=\$_____
_____ DSC Summer Field Trip (June 19-August 31) Preferred Dates:	_____ x \$10.50=\$_____
_____ Outreach Science Program at your site (25 students per hour-long session)	_____ x \$225= \$_____
	_____ (# of programs)
Preferred Dates:	
_____ Outreach Science Show at your site (150 students per program)	_____ x \$450= \$_____
	_____ (# of programs)
Preferred Dates:	
TOTAL REQUESTED (maximum \$1,500)	\$_____

 Applicant Signature Date

 Principal/Director Signature Date

DA VINCI SCIENCE CENTER SCIENCE INQUIRY FUND APPLICATION

Please attach a Letter of Support from the Principal or Center Director for your application for programming.

How will your students benefit from the program (250 words or less)?

What are your school or organization's goals and how will the program you are requesting support the outcomes you work towards (250 words or less)?

Describe what is done in your classroom to inspire the exploration, understanding, and appreciation of science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) in your students.

How can Da Vinci Science Center support your school or organization's STEAM curriculum and planning efforts?