



Biogen
Foundation



Biogen Foundation announces STEM micro-grants program for NC schools

For immediate release -- 10/17/16

The Biogen Foundation announces a competitive micro-grants program designed to support science education in North Carolina's public schools.

Entitled "Ignite the Power of STEM," the grants cycle runs Oct. 15 through Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. for North Carolina public elementary, middle and high schools. A total of \$135,000 in grants will be awarded. The online grants process will be administered by the North Carolina Community Foundation.

Grants will be awarded to teachers and schools that serve K-12 students. Teachers may apply for grants up to \$2,000. Schools may apply for grant amounts up to \$5,000. Programs should be designed to:

- Promote science literacy in innovative ways among students;
- Enable teachers to bring new, exciting hands-on science experiences to their students;
- Encourage equal-access, quality STEM education;
- Inspire students to pursue STEM careers.

Applications and complete details are available at www.biogen.com/ignite and on the NCCF website at <http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/biogen/ignitenc>.

About the Biogen Foundation

The mission of the Biogen Foundation is to provide access to science education and essential human services to children and their families in the communities in which Biogen operates. We are committed to sparking a passion for science and discovery, supporting effective science education initiatives, and strengthening efforts to make science education and science careers accessible to diverse populations. We want to inspire the next generation of science leaders who will make our world better.

Additional information about the Biogen Foundation can be found at www.biogen.com/foundation .

About the North Carolina Community Foundation

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has made \$116 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$222 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,200 endowments established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, nonprofit organizations, institutions and scholarships. The NCCF partners with a network of affiliate foundations to provide local resource allocation and community assistance across the state. An important component of NCCF's mission is to ensure that rural philanthropy has a voice at local, regional and national levels.

For more information, visit nccommunityfoundation.org, like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) @NCCF.

Media contacts

Gena Renfrow; NC Administrator, Biogen Foundation
O: 919.993.6023, C: 919.815.5550; gena.renfrow@biogen.com

Noel McLaughlin; NCCF Director of Marketing and Communications
919-256-6901; nmclaughlin@nccommunityfoundation.org