



Biogen Foundation



Biogen Foundation awards more than \$125K in STEM grants for NC schools

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The Biogen Foundation has awarded more than \$125,000 in grants to support science education programs and projects in schools across North Carolina.

The Foundation's "Ignite the Power of STEM" program awarded 39 grants to teachers' and schools' STEM education programs that serve K-12 students across North Carolina. Funded programs ranged from introducing biotechnology to students using a lab on gene transformation to providing students with a place to explore food and the production process. In many of the schools, 90-100% of students receive free or reduced lunch services. The program was administered by the North Carolina Community Foundation.

"We want to spark a passion for science among North Carolina students of all ages," said Gena Renfrow, Biogen Foundation NC Administrator. "This program is designed to help students experience the fun and power of hands-on science learning and to know that science careers are within their reach."

Ignite the Power of STEM grant recipients include:

- A. B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School
- A.L. Stanback/Orange County Schools
- Abbotts Creek Elementary School
- Aulander Elementary STEM School
- Brogden Middle School
- Burton Elementary
- Carr Elementary
- Carver Middle School STEM Academy
- Central Park School for Children

- Crossroads FLEX High School
- Edgecombe Early College High School
- Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County Public Schools
- Gardner Park Elementary School
- Grandview Middle School
- Grifton School
- Hiddenite Elementary -- STEAM Club
- Highland Mill Montessori School
- Iotla Valley Elementary
- Jefferson Elementary
- KIPP GCP Pride High School
- Meadowview Magnet Middle School
- Middle College High School at Durham Technical Community College
- Mitchell High School
- Murphey Traditional Academy
- Oak View Elementary
- Pilot Mountain Elementary School
- Pine Forest High School
- Pineville Elementary
- Polk County High School
- Pumpkin Center Intermediate School
- Research Triangle High School
- Riverside Middle School
- Robinson Elementary School
- Smith Middle School
- South Stokes High School
- Tabor City Elementary School
- Virgo Preparatory Academy
- Washington County Schools/ Creswell High School
- Westfield Elementary School

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 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.

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