

# Funding available for innovative school-based projects



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**The Laurel Trust sends a heartfelt thank you to every school for all they have achieved for children and communities. It wishes to offer collaborations of schools in all phases including early years and special schools/settings an opportunity to apply for funding. The proposed research must focus on improving the life chances for children and young people from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. This year the Trustees invite application for funding to support action-research projects tailored to your local development plan, national policy, and your cohort need.**

**The grants are designed to support groups of schools to work together to re-imagine education in our current world, and to place emphasis on a culture rooted in emotional and academic resilience.**

**Online briefings will be held to support schools which are thinking of making an application. Details of the briefings are on the following page.**

Details of how to  
apply will appear  
on the Laurel  
Trust website on  
**6 November  
2026**

The application  
round will close  
at 5pm on  
**28 February  
2027**

# The Laurel Trust **Online Briefings:** January 2027 Recruitment

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This opportunity to apply for grant funding opens on Friday **6 November 2026** and closes on **28 February 2027**. For collaborations of schools considering making an application the on-line briefings offer an opportunity to learn more about The Laurel Trust, ask questions and, most importantly, to receive some guidance on making your application.

Whilst the invitation to apply is open to **all** schools in England, this year we are particularly welcoming applications from the areas in which we have had fewer applications. Please refer to the map on our website to identify the areas where applications have been lower. There will be four online briefings; these will take place on **January 12-14 and 19**. All briefings will start at 11am.

Online briefings:  
**January 12**  
**January 13**  
**January 14**  
**January 19**  
**2027**

**To apply to join a meeting please email our Chair of Trustees:**  
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