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Application Form for the CMS 2016 Endowment Grants Competition

Deadline September 30

Title of Proposal

Math in the Community

Contact information

The one person and place to communicate with the applicant(s).

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Institution or department to administer grant funds

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Summary

Less than 100 words

Total amount requested in this competition \$

<p>In an effort to bring mathematics into the community at large and to work towards changing the public perception of mathematics we are seeking funds to assist us with expanding our already well established school visits program into a program where our volunteers take mathematics into the community through on-site visits and activities.</p>	
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Applicants

Put any specific information on the relevant experience or expertise of an applicant in "Other".

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Current grants	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

What you propose to do*at most 40 lines*

Over the past 5 years the Department of Mathematics has built a substantial school visits program where local area teachers can bring their classes, free of charge, to the university to experience a hands-on workshop in mathematics. These workshops are designed to inspire students to view mathematics in a different light, to see it from a new perspective. The activities focus on mathematics not typically covered in the standard school curriculum and aim to show both the 'real world' applications of the subject along with the simply 'beauty' parts as well.

This program started out with around 50 students per year and has grown to over 800 students per year (based on 2015/16 numbers). This year we are expecting it to continue to grow and expand.

Students come from all different grades (K - 12) and with varying interests and aptitudes for mathematics. The purpose of the program is not to specifically teach a concept in mathematics but to showcase mathematics in a new, more accessible light. We are seeking to inspire these students to not be afraid of math or see it mainly as a tool but to view it as a rich and beautiful (and accessible) subject on its own.

We are seeking funds to help us continue to build and establish this program to further its reach by developing mobile activities that we can bring out into the community and work with community groups, schools and parent associations to have our students take our programs out into the community.

The funds would be used to assist with transportation costs for our volunteers, materials for the program and other 'out of pocket' expenses. As this is already an established program curriculum has already been created and we have established training programs for the volunteers.

Funds from the CMS Endowment Grant would allow us to branch out from the University and would also provide an opportunity for our current undergraduate students to get involved with spreading mathematics into the community around them, increasing their own understanding and appreciation for the subject.

Other *Funding, partners, revenue potential, information on applicants such as publications or awards, at most 20 lines.*

We did also receive a \$2,500 grant from the Fields Institute which helps cover the costs for the on-site school visits program. These funds cover some materials expenses, room booking costs and staff costs for overseeing that program. This program would be an extension of the on-site visits and, as such, additional funds from the CMS would be used to cover off-site expenses.

Project start date

Finish date