



▶ HOW TO COMPLETE CREST AWARDS

CREST is the UK's only nationally recognised scheme for student-led project work in STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and maths).

CREST is a scheme that inspires young people to think and behave like scientists and engineers. It is managed by the **British Science Association**. There are four different levels, Discovery, Bronze, Silver and Gold, each increasingly in complexity.

COMPLETING CREST

- As a general overview, cadets work either in groups or independently (with minimal adult supervision) to solve a STEM challenge or project. Cadets review and complete a report on the activity, which is then assessed.
- Specific criteria will vary depending on the level of award working towards, so make sure you check the website.
- Ideas for projects can be gained from the CREST resource website, the selection of RAFAC CREST activity packs, or your own project!

BEING RECOGNISED

- CREST is respected by universities and employers and enhances students' UCAS personal statements. CREST can be used in conjunction with other activities and schemes, including the **Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Extended Project Qualifications (EPQs)** and the **Big Bang Competition**.

CREST AND THE DofE AWARD

- You can do project work in science, technology, engineering or maths (STEM) and count it towards your DofE Skills section through the CREST Awards scheme. Lots of people think of 'skills' as being

related to art, music or drama, but people can be skilled in all kinds of areas, including STEM.

- CREST is a tried and tested awards scheme that recognises STEM project work and, just like The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, you can achieve CREST Awards at Bronze, Silver and Gold level (as well as Discovery – much like our equivalent of a 'Blue' level).
- There is a lot of overlap between the Skills section of your DofE and the criteria that you'll be meeting as part of a CREST Award. It might be much easier than you think to achieve both of these awards!

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Discovery	£3 (Wales: Free)
Bronze	£5 (Wales: Free)
Silver	£10 (Wales: Free)
Gold	£20 (Wales: Free)

All CREST Awards in **Wales** are free as they are fully subsidised by the Welsh government. Please refer to the CREST website for current information:

<https://www.crestawards.org/fees-and-funding>

NEXT STEPS

- If you are interested in completing a CREST award then more information is available on **Ultilearn**. You can find it in the **STEM** folder.
- Make sure you know your Ultilearn username and password. If you're not sure how to access Ultilearn see **How To Guide #1**.
- Your squadron staff will also be able to provide you with more information. If in doubt, ask!