

Press release

## Solvay launches new call for STEM and sustainability projects through the Ernest Solvay Fund

Established to nurture scientific education and advance sustainable solutions globally, the Fund invites applications from individuals and organizations passionate about making a positive impact.

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Solvay announces a new call for projects to drive innovation in science, mathematics, engineering and technology (STEM) and sustainability through the [Ernest Solvay Fund](#). The Fund is officially launching its 2024 call for projects, with the application window closing on June 17th, 2024. This call emphasizes the Fund's strong commitment to nurturing scientific education and advancing sustainable solutions worldwide.

The Fund supports 25 projects annually, allocating up to 10,000 euros to each project. Its main areas of focus include STEM education, scientific progress and sustainable development, particularly emphasizing climate change, resource management, and the circular economy.

Founded in 1924, the Fund is an integral part of Solvay's [Corporate Citizenship](#) initiatives. It has a rich history of supporting transformative projects, such as Atelier 21's RetroFutur Museum and the EPIC Foundation's literacy tools in the USA. In 2023, the Vlaamse PhD Cup presented complex STEM research for the general public, marking just one of the innovative initiatives backed by the Fund.

"As we continue to build on our corporate citizenship program, the Ernest Solvay Fund remains an integral component of our vision. This Fund not only encourages the progression of scientific knowledge and sustainability practices but also plays a crucial role in strengthening the communities where Solvay operates," said [Philippe Kehren](#), Solvay CEO. "It is through this dedicated support of both education and sustainability initiatives that we aim to make an impact, emphasizing our commitment to both innovation and the well-being of the communities we serve."

### Who can apply?

The Fund focuses on projects that promote education and practical impact, and the call is open to a wide range of participants including:

- Young enthusiasts in scientific/technological education and studies.
- Individuals and organizations engaged in scientific research and the environment.
- Champions of scientific and technological entrepreneurship.

## Selection process and criteria

Applications undergo rigorous screening by the Fund's Management Committee, evaluating their alignment with the Fund's strategic objectives — education and sustainability. Successful initiatives feature clear, realistic, and innovative proposals. Prospective applicants must ensure Solvay's active presence in their respective [countries](#) and verify their [eligibility](#).

[Submit your project](#)

For more information on the Ernest Solvay Fund, the selection criteria, or to apply for the call for projects, please visit [2024 ERNEST SOLVAY FUND](#).

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## About Solvay

Solvay, a pioneering chemical company with a legacy rooted in founder Ernest Solvay's pivotal innovations in the soda ash process, is dedicated to delivering essential solutions globally through its workforce of over 9,000 employees. Since 1863, Solvay harnesses the power of chemistry to create innovative, sustainable solutions that answer the world's most essential needs such as purifying the air we breathe and the water we drink, preserving our food supplies, protecting our health and well-being, creating eco-friendly clothing, making the tires of our cars more sustainable and cleaning and protecting our homes. Solvay's unwavering commitment drives the transition to a carbon-neutral future by 2050, underscoring its dedication to sustainability and a fair and just transition. As a world-leading company with €4.9 billion in net sales in 2023, Solvay is listed on Euronext Brussels and Paris (SOLB). For more information about Solvay, please visit [solvay.com](https://solvay.com) or follow [Solvay](#) on LinkedIn.

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