

# The Rolls-Royce Science Prize

**The Rolls-Royce Science Prize is an annual awards programme that helps teachers implement science teaching ideas in their schools and colleges.**

The Prize recognises and rewards excellence in science teaching across the full spectrum from special education needs to high ability pupils. It also promotes innovative and sustainable strategies for teaching science which address a specific need in the schools or colleges and at the same time contributes to teachers' continuing professional development.



*Andrew Johnston (Gairloch High School)  
- Runner-up Rolls-Royce Science Prize 2015*

The prize scheme is open to individuals who have been on an ENTHUSE-funded course either at the National STEM Learning Centre (NSLC) or at SSERC. The awards are based on the quality of an Action Plan submitted at the end of a course. Each year 50 Special Merit Awards of £1,000 are made and the winners of those awards are then eligible to progress through the scheme. Over recent years a number of delegates from SSERC courses have made it to the finals and along the way have generated significant funding for their schools. So, for example, both Andrew Johnston from Gairloch High School and the team from St Vincent's Primary in East Kilbride have been awarded in excess of £10,000 for their schools/ departments over the past 2 years.

We have recently heard that judging for the 2017 Rolls-Royce Prizes has taken place. The really good news is that 5 participants on a recent SSERC course (Supporting STEM) run by our Primary Team have been nominated to receive Special Merit Awards. Rolls-Royce



*The team from St Vincent's Primary School  
- Runners-up Rolls-Royce Science Prize 2016.*

tell us that 5 Awards to participants on a single course is 'unprecedented'. Our congratulations go to all the winners and of course the Primary Team in SSERC for this fantastic outcome. ◀