



March 2025 | #NJSTEMMonth

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About NJ STEM Month

NJ STEM Month is a celebration co-hosted by the **New Jersey STEM Pathways Network (NJSPN)** and **Research & Development Council of New Jersey** that highlights the Garden State's incredible accomplishments in science, technology, engineering, math and innovation.

With the support of **Governor Murphy's administration** and then **Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker's office**, NJ STEM Week expanded to include the entire month of March in 2018. March is now New Jersey STEM Month as designated by the New Jersey State Legislature and gubernatorial proclamation.

ALL organizations in the state are called to showcase and celebrate excellent work in STEM for NJ STEM Month by hosting/attending events and engaging on social media.

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NJ STEM Month Events

One way that you can participate in **NJ STEM Month** is by identifying existing programs or events to showcase during March and adding them to the state calendar. Our goal for **2025** is to impact **60,000** learners!

If your organization does not have an existing program or event to showcase during March, reach out to local organizations to discuss a potential partnership for a STEM Month event. You are also encouraged to create new opportunities for state partners to tour a program site or host a new event in your area. **The goal is to showcase STEM in your region and spark conversation surrounding STEM in New Jersey.**

If you're considering hosting an NJ STEM Month event but haven't finalized your plans yet, please fill out the interest form below. We'll reach out to you in March to see if you participated and to gather any relevant data.

[STEM Month Event Interest Form](#)

Examples of NJ STEM Month events include...

Event-based Dialogue about STEM

Invite important partners in your community to discuss local employment and learning needs. This might include existing seminars, forums, roundtables and symposiums. Partners could include:

- Business/industry,
- Post-secondary institutions,
- PK-12 school districts,
- Science centers, museums, aquariums,
- Non-profit partners,
- Faith-based organizations,
- Families; and more!

Virtual Site Tours

Invite external partners to come see your training facilities or workplaces. Site tours could include:

- Tours of local business and industry partners working in areas of science, technology, engineering, math and more,
- Tours of training facilities at a post-secondary institution,
- Tours of laboratories and other spaces designed for experiments and hands-on learning,
- Gallery walks.

Do you typically host learners to engage in a programmatic activity that enhances STEM skills? Invite others to join you in March to see how your program works. Examples might include:

- After school programs focused on STEM learning,
- Internships or apprenticeship activities,
- Post-secondary programming to engage students in STEM,
- Mentoring sessions.

Interactive/ Hands- on Challenges

These activities are meant to engage participants in problem solving and hands-on activities to get everyone excited about STEM. Sample challenges might look like:

- Coding Exercises,
- Math challenges,
- Building activities,
- Machine demonstrations; and more!

Event Resources

NJ STEM Month Logo



The official NJ STEM Month logo.

Logo

Invitation Language



Use this language to invite legislators, members of industry, or other important individuals to your NJ STEM Month event.

Informational One-Pager



Distribute this document at your event to provide additional information about NJ STEM Month.

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Informational PowerPoint



Customize this presentation to fit your organization's NJ STEM Month Event.

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2025 Legislative Contacts



Handout containing the contact information of all New Jersey state legislators.

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Press Release Language



OP-ED Guide



Use this guide from Harvard Kennedy School to write an OP-ED about NJ STEM Month.

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Media List



Send your NJ STEM Month Press Release and op-ed to this list!

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Social Media



Download these templates to promote NJ STEM Month on your social media accounts.

[Header](#)

[Social Post](#)

Twitter Sweepstakes

All organizations are encouraged to join the conversation on Social Media by following [@NJSTEMPathways](#) and [@RDCouncilNJ](#) on Twitter, and by using [#NJSTEMMonth](#).

Twitter Sweepstakes: Tweet using [#NJSTEMMonth](#) to be entered into our sweepstakes. One lucky winner will be receive a \$100 Amazon gift card and STEM Month swag!



STEM Showcase

Each year, the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network (NJSPN) and the Research & Development Council celebrate NJ STEM Month with a '**STEM Showcase**' at the State House. The STEM Showcase offers legislators and other policymakers the opportunity to meet with students, a diverse group of organizations, and business and school leaders to learn about their STEM initiatives.

In addition to the in-person STEM Showcase, organizations across the state are given the opportunity to submit an entry to be featured in our virtual STEM Showcase booklet that highlights the work they've done in STEM in the past year.

[Application Now Available](#)

[View the 2024 STEM Showcase Booklet](#)

[View the 2024 STEM Showcase Recap Video](#)



NJ STEM Month Awards

Help us identify **New Jersey's STEM Champions** for **2025!** Awards are open to all stakeholders responsible for learning, achievement and innovation in the state, including: schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses, philanthropies, science centers/museums/aquariums, faith-based organizations, etc. Winners will be honored at the June quarterly meeting.

Awards and Descriptions

STEM Advocate of the Year

Celebrating a true spokesperson for STEM in New Jersey, this honor highlights an organization or individual who most effectively communicates the importance of STEM to New Jersey and its citizens. The NJSPN STEM Advocate of the Year is making big waves to ensure the Garden State continues to lead the nation in innovation and meaningful work.

STEM Civic Leadership Award

Organization or individual who demonstrates extraordinary civic leadership in STEM in their community. This award will be provided to those who have sought to improve and enhance the quality of STEM in their community through initiatives that include volunteerism, mentorship, and/or training.

STEM Collaboration of the Year

This award celebrates the individuals and/or organizations moving beyond silos to create a more connected in New Jersey. The STEM Collaborator develops partnerships and combines resources to provide outstanding STEM programming and establish clear career pathways in their community and beyond. To qualify, submissions must exhibit collaborations between three or more individuals or organizations.

STEM Educator of the Year

Awarded to an individual or organization that has dedicated their time and energy to successfully improving STEM learning outcomes for students in New Jersey. The STEM Educator of the Year understands STEM as more than an acronym and promotes STEM as a way of thinking, developing a growth mindset and STEM identities in all learners.

Corporate STEM Champion of the Year

Awarded to a business that has demonstrated a deep commitment to supporting New Jersey's STEM economy through education and/workforce initiatives.

NJ STEM Month Mini-Grants

Thanks to the generosity of the **Overdeck Family Foundation**, 2025 NJ STEM Month mini-grants are available in amounts of **up to \$500 for event/program enhancements**.

Event/program enhancements can include hosting costs such as snacks, meals, transportation, materials, etc.

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[Check Out the 2024 Mini-Grant STEM Stories](#)



Become an NJ STEM Month Committee Member!

NJ STEM Month Host Committee Members commit to:

- Host a STEM Month event.

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Support NJ STEM Month

Become a NJ STEM Month sponsor at any of our giving levels. By sponsoring this month long celebration you are:

- Giving New Jersey schools, students and families access to hands-on, STEM learning experiences through distribution of mini grants.
- Providing training for educators and students entering the workforce.
- Supporting regional events to bring deeper public awareness and a greater understanding of STEM career pathways.
- Elevating New Jersey's status as a global leader in STEM and innovation.

To Make a Donation please make checks payable to The Research & Development Council of New Jersey; ATTN: New Jersey STEM Pathways Network.



& Benefits	Edison's Light Bulb \$25,000	Edison's Phonograph \$10,000	Edison's Movie Camera \$5,000	Edison's Electric Car \$1,000
Speaking opportunity at NJ STEM Month kickoff event.	●			
Recognized as sponsor in press releases.	●			
Invited to attend STEM Showcase at the State House.	●	●		
Receive brand recognition on NJ STEM Month marketing, including print, digital, and social media.	●	●	●	
Recognized as sponsor on website.	●	●	●	
Receive STEM Month swag bag.	●	●	●	●

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