



Grants for mathematics professional learning

Focus on Maths is an initiative from the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers (AAMT) working with teachers, schools and communities to build capacity in maths teaching and learning, empowering students to reach their mathematical potential.

WHY Focus on Maths?

The learning and achievement of Australian students in maths has been of concern for some years; demand for STEM skills grows, but evidence shows declines in mathematical literacy in our students. Teacher efficacy is the key school-based driver of student success, yet access to qualified maths teachers is an ongoing and growing challenge in secondary schools, whilst many primary teachers lack confidence in teaching maths.

HOW does the program work?

Schools identify the areas of their maths professional learning (PL) needs and get their principal's approval to apply for funding. AAMT supports schools to apply and helps put the right PL in place.

WHO can apply for a Focus on Maths grant?

We're targeting the areas of greatest need so we particularly want to receive applications from:

- ▶ Schools in low socioeconomic areas
- ▶ Schools in rural and remote Australia
- ▶ Schools with high numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- ▶ Out-of-field teachers
- ▶ Teachers who lack confidence teaching maths



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WHAT professional learning does Focus on Maths fund?

Focus on Maths can issue grants from \$2 000 to \$30 000

These are available to single schools or clusters of schools at the primary and/or secondary level. PL programs are bespoke to local needs and can include support for teachers to attend conferences, establish mentorships and learning communities, to design and run PL workshops, to buy and gain skills in using maths teaching resources, among others.

WHERE do I learn more?

Visit our website to find out more about the program and to access the application portal (opening August 2023) to see if your school might suit the Focus on Maths program.

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