What’s the most exciting way to teach reading, writing, sums or science?
Tell us – and you could win up to £15,000 to prove how well it works.

Last year, SHINE and the Times Educational Supplement launched Let Teachers SHINE – a national competition to find some of the country’s most innovative literacy and numeracy teachers. It was a huge success, with well over 100 entries producing 10 superb winners. So this year we’re doing it again – and expanding it to include science as well.

The competition is free to enter and open to any teacher working in England. Up to 10 winning projects will be chosen by a panel of judges from SHINE, the TES and Bloomberg, which this year has made a generous grant to fund winners that use technology in an exciting way.

Each winning project will receive a grant of up to £15,000. This will fund a year-long pilot to demonstrate success in achieving real improvements in the attainment levels of disadvantaged students. The most successful initiatives may then receive further funding from SHINE and the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation.

Visit www.shinetrust.org.uk or www.tes.co.uk to find out more.
Let Teachers SHINE is an annual competition for innovative ideas to raise attainment among disadvantaged students. Run by SHINE and the Times Educational Supplement, this year the focus is on raising attainment in literacy, numeracy and/or science.

Winning proposals might involve the innovative use of technology or superb after-school programmes. They could include unique teaching activities for groups or for individual students. They might be none of these. However, successful proposals will all have clearly defined objectives, sensible and transparent budgets and the potential for future expansion. Most importantly, they must be innovative and they must target disadvantaged children.

How it works

1 Download the application form from www.shinetrust.org.uk or www.tes.co.uk. The competition is open to any qualified teacher working in England with students aged up to 18.

2 Now complete the application form. It’s quite long – and deliberately so. We need to know exactly what your genius idea involves, who it will help, how much it should cost and how you will show us that it works.

3 Closing date for applications is Sunday 19th May 2013. Don’t miss it!

4 Shortlisted teachers will be invited to come to London to discuss their proposal in more detail with our judges. These will include representatives of SHINE, the TES and Bloomberg.

5 The judges will choose up to 10 winners. Based on your budget, each winner will receive up to £15,000 to fund a year’s pilot project, starting in September 2013.

6 The pilot must benefit disadvantaged students. These can either be pupils at your school or others living nearby. They must be in receipt of free school meals, have special educational needs and/or English as an additional language.

7 The pilot will enable you to show us that your idea successfully delivers measurable and meaningful improvements in your students’ attainment in literacy, numeracy and/or science. At the end of the year (summer 2014) we will review all the winning projects. The most successful will be considered for continued funding from SHINE and the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation to allow them to expand and develop further.

Thank you for your interest in Let Teachers SHINE. Good luck!