

FIRST® Tech Challenge Sample Team Budget

The following sample budget was created for a newly formed team to plan effectively during their inaugural season. The budget covers the cost of the robot, in addition to attending a regional tournament event and the UK & Ireland Championship. These numbers will alter based on where your team is located, and a realistic team budget should be created during the first few weeks of the season. Any purchases and expenditure beyond what's listed below will result in a budget increase.

Item	Budget	Category	Rationale/Explanation
Expenses			
Registration	£99	Registration	Season registration fee
Kit of Parts: Robot Kit	£800	Robot Supplies	All teams will start with a REV Robot kit. This will include all the hardware to build the robot, control system to run and programme the robot which includes 2 android phones. Teams are free to use additional materials permitted by the Game Manual when building their robot. This kit also includes the basic hand tools needed to assemble the robot.
UK & Ireland Championship	£750	Travel	Getting the team and the robot to the event. This includes travel & accommodation.
Tools	£50	Robot Supplies	Most schools will have some form of Design & Technology workshop which will have all the relevant tools. For those teams that don't have those facilities, the three most important tools a team should purchase are a hacksaw, a small vice and a set of files.
Team T-Shirts	£100	Team Supplies	To promote the team and show spirit.
Team Badges	£50	Team Supplies	To promote the team and show spirit.
Pit Display	£100	Team Supplies	To promote the team at events.
Sub-Total	£1949		Projected total expenses for the season. Actual costs may be lower/higher, but it's best to plan high.

Ways to reduce expenses:

- Apply for financial support – £800 savings
- Fundraise – up to £1000 savings
 - » Request sponsorship from local businesses for team t-shirts or travel costs
 - » Host fundraisers at school or in local community to cover team costs
- Borrow tools from school or parents – £50 savings