Davis Projects for Peace 2021

Self-Guided Information Session
Career & Civic Engagement Center
Bryn Mawr College
Agenda

01. Introduction
Overview of the Davis Projects for Peace Initiative

02. Program Overview
Who is eligible to propose a project? What kinds of projects can be funded? Where can projects take place?

03. How To Propose a Project
Review of the application process and deadlines

04. Project Selection & Implementation
How are proposals reviewed and selected? What is the implementation timeline? What are the post-project responsibilities?

05. Summer 2021 COVID-19 Considerations & Program Resources
Projects for Peace is an initiative for all undergraduate students currently enrolled at one of the participating Davis United World College Scholars Program partner schools to design grassroots projects for the summer of 2021—anywhere in the world—which promote peace and address the root causes of conflict among parties.

Applicants are encouraged to use their creativity to design projects and employ innovative techniques for engaging project participants in ways that focus on:

- conflict resolution,
- reconciliation,
- building understanding and breaking down barriers which cause conflict, and
- finding solutions for resolving conflict and maintaining peace.

Projects will be selected for funding at $10,000 each.
As a Davis UWC partner school, Bryn Mawr College selects one project and one alternate as our campus nominees to the Davis Projects for Peace program every year.

Some of the most compelling projects to date have reflected one or more of the following characteristics:
* contributing to conflict prevention;
* ameliorating conditions leading to violence/conflict;
* looking for and building on shared attributes among differing peoples, races, ethnicities, tribes, clans, etc.;
* fostering diplomacy or otherwise contribute to advancing peace processes underway;
* promoting economic opportunity and entrepreneurship among those in post-conflict areas;
* finding creative ways to bring people on opposite sides of issues together, such as through art, sports, music, or other techniques to promote a common humanity;
* developing leadership and mediation skills training for those in conflict or post-conflict societies;
* starting or leveraging initiatives, organizations (e.g. education, health) or infrastructure projects to build/rebuild community.

In general, projects should be building blocks for a sustainable peace. The overall program is intended to be worldwide in scope and impact, but specific projects may be undertaken anywhere, including in the U.S.
Eligibility

Who Can Apply?

All undergraduate students, not just Davis UWC Scholars, at our participating partner schools (including seniors who would complete their projects after graduation) are eligible—so long as the participation agreement from their institution has been fully executed.

Can Students Apply as a Team?

Yes—The Projects for Peace student proposer must be an undergrad at a participating partner school but is free to collaborate with other students of their choice. Teams can be comprised of other students within their own school and/or students from other schools, even non-participating schools. When submitting a Projects for Peace proposal, the full team and their schools are to be listed but a partner school undergrad must be designated as the project lead and grant recipient.

Application Requirements

Each participating school has designated a campus contact to coordinate the Projects for Peace process on its campus. This campus contact guides the internal campus procedures within their school’s policies and parameters. At Bryn Mawr College the campus contact is Ellie Esmond (eesmond@brynmawr.edu) in the Career & Civic Engagement Center.

Bryn Mawr applicants must submit a project proposal (not to exceed 2 pages), a one-page personal statement, a resume, a project budget (using the template provided by the Davis foundation), letters of support from organizational partners, and letters of recommendation.

The application process and links to the online forms can be found on the Civic Engagement website: https://www.brynmawr.edu/summerfunding/davis-projects-peace
FAQs

Can two teams collaborate on one project to combine grant funds awarded?
No, two proposals for the same project are prohibited.

Is it possible to win a grants award for a second year for the same project?
No, it is not our policy to fund any Projects for Peace for a second year as we look to incubate, not sustain, projects.

How is a submitted proposal judged?
The campus contact at each school organizes a selection committee to evaluate the proposals submitted and, at Bryn Mawr College, coordinates in person interviews with the committee for final candidates. The campus contact communicates the name and project information for a final candidate and one alternate to the Davis UWC Scholars Program office and distributes the awarded grant funds for the winning proposal(s) on campus. Final review and approval of all recommended proposals from individual campuses rests solely with the Davis UWC Scholars Program office which awards grant funds to each of the participating schools with winning project(s).

How are the grant funds awarded?
Participating schools are invited to select and submit one proposal for funding and one alternate proposal that might be funded as well. Final decisions on winning proposals are made by the Davis UWC Scholars Program office. Grant funds are made to the participating partner schools, not to students, upon assurance that the project proposed will, in fact, be implemented during the summer of 2021 and once all Project Funding Agreements are received.
Projects for Peace
2021 Timeline

December 2020 - January 2021
- Develop project idea and proposal
- Connect with community partner organizations
- Share proposal draft with recommenders; request letters of recommendation

January 2021 – February 2021
- January 22: Final project proposals due to Bryn Mawr College
- February 1 – 5: Interviews with BMC campus selection committee
- February 8: Campus nominee & alternate due to Davis Foundation

March 2021 – April 2021
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Summer 2021 & Fall 2021
- May – August 2021: Implementation of funded projects
- September 13, 2021: Final Project Report due to Davis Foundation
COVID-19 Considerations
As of December 1, 2020, Bryn Mawr College is not planning to fund in-person summer internships or internships that require international travel. We do not anticipate current pandemic related restrictions will allow for necessary travel preparations. International students who are currently residing at home may be able to complete remote internships in their home countries.

The Career & Civic Engagement Center advises students to consider both in-person and remote implementation plans for their proposed projects regardless of their location with the understanding that global restrictions on travel and in-person work are constantly shifting as we deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Please note that even if a community partner organization is willing to allow a student to perform in-person work, if the College’s policy has not changed, then the student will only be permitted to work remotely if they are receiving funding from the College.

As the situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, please check the Career & Civic Engagement Center’s Davis Projects for Peace website for new developments or policy changes/announcements from both the College and the Davis Foundation.
Resources & Support

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*Feel free to email with any questions!*

**BMC Davis Projects for Peace Webpage**
Visit [this website](#) for links to the online application and to view any COVID-19 related updates and announcements

**Davis Projects for Peace Official Website**
Learn more about the Davis UWC Scholars Program as well as the history of the Projects for Peace initiative by visiting the [Davis Projects for Peace website](#)