



Projects for Peace Summer 2023

Self-Guided Information Session

Career & Civic Engagement Center

Bryn Mawr College

Agenda

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03. How To Propose a Project

Review of the application process and deadlines

02. Program Overview

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04. Project Selection & Implementation

How are proposals reviewed and selected? What is the implementation timeline? What are the post-project responsibilities?

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Introduction to Projects for Peace

Projects for Peace is a global program that encourages young adults to develop innovative, community-centered, and scalable responses to the world's most pressing issues. Applicants are charged with developing projects that create building blocks for sustainable peace.

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





Bryn Mawr College selects one project and one alternate as our campus nominees to the Projects for Peace headquarters at Middlebury College each 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 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 at participating partner schools (including seniors who would complete their projects after graduation) are eligible.

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. When submitting a Projects for Peace proposal, the full team and their schools are to be listed but **a BMC 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>



Funding Restrictions

Recipients of the Projects for Peace grant **may not** combine this funding with any other fellowship, grant, or funding source. The Projects for Peace grant is designed to fund a full-time summer project—a project that will require a minimum of 350 – 400 hours of work (35 – 40 hours/week over ~10 weeks). Students may not have an additional summer internship or job and be eligible for this grant.

COVID -19

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. Students are expected to stay in close communication with community partners and check on College COVID-19 policy updates related to pandemic-related travel restrictions so they can adjust to possible changes.

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 grant award for a second year for the same project?

No, it is not our policy to fund any Project 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 Projects for Peace 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 Projects for Peace 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 Projects for Peace 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 2023 and once all Project Funding Agreements are received.**

Projects for Peace 2023 Timeline

December 2022- January 2023

Develop project idea and proposal

Connect with community partner organizations

Share proposal draft with recommenders; request letters of recommendation

March 2023 – April 2023

March 6: Projects for Peace office notifies campuses of project approvals

April: Funds distributed to campuses

January 2023 – February 2023

January 20: Final project proposals due to Bryn Mawr College

Jan. 26 – Jan. 27: Interviews with BMC campus selection committee

February 6: Campus nominee & alternate due to Projects for Peace office

Summer 2023 & Fall 2023

May – August 2023: Implementation of funded projects

September 22, 2023: Final Project Report due to Projects for Peace headquarters

Resources & Support



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Feel free to email with any questions!

BMC Projects for Peace Webpage

Visit [this website](#) for links to the online application and to view any updates and announcements

Projects for Peace Official Website

Learn more about the Projects for Peace initiative by visiting the [Projects for Peace website](#)