



# **Projects for Peace**

## ***Summer 2024***

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**Self-Guided Information Session**

Career & Civic Engagement Center

Bryn Mawr College

# 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 peacebuilding initiatives that focus on:

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

Projects for Peace was created in 2007 through the generosity of Kathryn W. Davis and is now hosted at Middlebury College.

**Selected projects receive \$10,000**





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 contributing 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.

# What is a Successful Project for Peace?

- Successful grantees are able to articulate what they mean by peace and to think about how their project will contribute to that ideal
- Successful projects require careful planning of the sequence of project activities, given the time and funding available
- Successful projects often occur in places where the grantee has strong existing relationships, and build on other assets in the community
- Ideally applicants demonstrate knowledge of the issue(s) being addressed, are creative in their approaches, and remain sensitive to the potential effects of their work on others
- Paradoxically, successful projects may also have various failures and missteps along the way! It's helpful to have contingency plans in place—and always stay in touch with your campus liaison to discuss any problems

# Projects for Peace at Bryn Mawr College

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- Bryn Mawr College is one of about 100 colleges and universities selected to participate in Projects for Peace
- We've participated since 2007
- We've had 22 successful projects originate from our campus
- On our campus, project proposals are reviewed by a selection committee made up of Career & Civic Engagement Center team staff and staff from the Institutional Grants Office



# What is a Campus Liaison?

Applicants and grantees receive individual guidance from the campus liaison—not from Projects for Peace headquarters.

Campus Liaisons:

- Promote the program on campus
  - Manage the timeline for applications and report submissions, and ensure materials are complete and accurate
  - Oversee the selection process on campus
  - Ensure grantees receive their funds
  - Support the grantee directly or help identify faculty advisors or other mentors
  - Update the program headquarters at Middlebury
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# Eligibility

## Who Can Apply?

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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

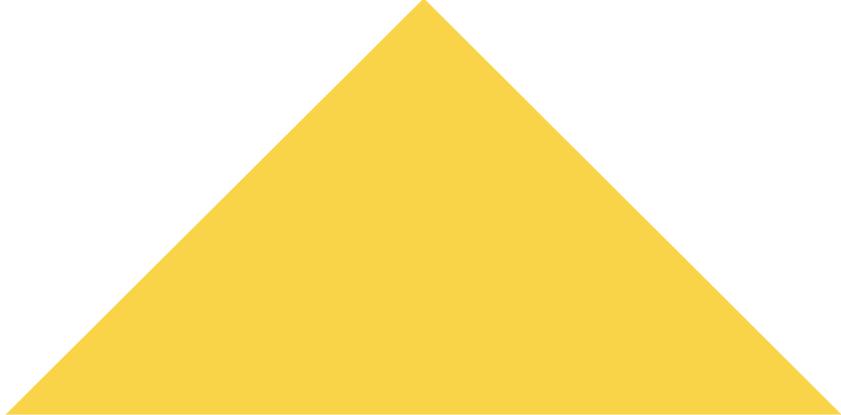
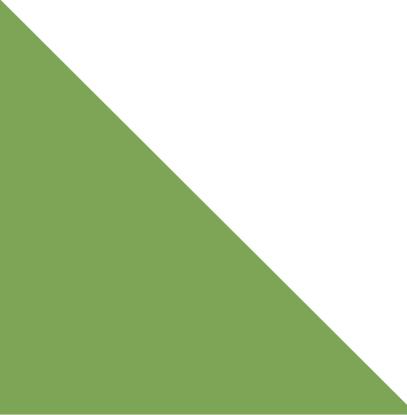
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Each participating school has designated a campus liaison to coordinate the Projects for Peace process on its campus. This campus contact guides the internal campus procedures within their school's policies and parameters.

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 Projects for Peace), 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.



# Ideas for Getting Started

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- Begin to develop a definition of peace. Imagine what a peaceful world would be like. Working backwards, what needs to be in place to achieve this vision?
- Consider what you have to contribute: what knowledge, skills, relationships, interests, passions do you have? How do these relate to your vision of peace? Is there a faculty member or mentor who can help you develop your idea?
- Draft a purpose statement: what will your project achieve and why is it important?
- Start sketching out the implementation plan: list the essential tasks and put them into sequence.
- Begin thinking about the budget: what expenses can you expect for each of your tasks?
- Dream the results: at the end of the project, how will you know if it is successful? What do you need to stay on track towards that goal?

# Projects for Peace 2024 Timeline

## December 2023- January 2024

Develop project idea and proposal

Connect with community partner organizations

Share proposal draft with recommenders; request letters of recommendation

## March 2024 – April 2024

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

**April:** Funds distributed to campuses

## January 2024 – February 2024

**January 19:** Final project proposals due to Bryn Mawr College

**Jan. 22 – 26:** Interviews with BMC campus selection committee

**February 5:** Campus nominee & alternate due to Projects for Peace office

## Summer 2024 & Fall 2024

**May – August:** Implementation of funded projects

**September 16:** Final Project Report due to Projects for Peace headquarters

# 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 2024 and once all Project Funding Agreements are received.**

# Resources & Support



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## BMC Campus Liaison

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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

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