



Summer 2021 Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

What do you mean by “Projects for Peace”?

Projects for Peace is an initiative for all undergraduate students currently enrolled at one of our participating [Davis United World College Scholars Program partner schools](#) (and a few other institutions) 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. We encourage applicants 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.

Who is funding this and why?

Projects for Peace was created in 2007 through the generosity of Kathryn W. Davis, a lifelong internationalist and philanthropist who died in 2013 at 106 years of age. She is the mother of Shelby M.C. Davis whose family funds the Davis UWC Scholars Program, currently involving 99 U.S. colleges and universities. Mrs. Davis’ legacy lives on through the continuation of Projects for Peace, sparking initiatives for building prospects for peace in the world. The Davis family and friends believe, like Mrs. Davis did, that today’s youth—tomorrow’s leaders—ought to be challenged to formulate and test their own ideas.

What does Projects for Peace hope to accomplish?

We hope to encourage student initiative, innovation, and entrepreneurship focusing on conflict prevention, resolution, or reconciliation. 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.

Who is eligible to design a “Project for Peace”?

All undergraduate students, not just Davis UWC Scholars, at our participating partner schools (including seniors who would complete their projects after graduation) are eligible (as are students at a few additional institutions of special interest to the Davis family)—so long as the participation agreement from their institution has been fully executed. Davis UWC Scholars Program partner schools are U.S. campuses only (off-shore campuses and affiliates are ineligible).

How can eligible students find out more about Projects for Peace?

All student questions must be directed to their designated on-campus Projects for Peace Liaison.

Communication between students writing proposals and the Davis UWC Scholars Program office is strictly prohibited.

Can students from different institutions collaborate on a project?

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 her/his choice. Those 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.

How does the funding for these projects work?

Davis philanthropy commits over \$1 million each year to fund Projects for Peace. While Davis funding per project is limited to \$10,000, projects with larger budgets are welcome with co-funding from other sources—such as other philanthropists, a college or university, foundation, NGO/PVO or students' own fundraising.

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 proposal submitted?

Please refer to our Final Report Instructions and follow the Formatting Guidelines for submitting proposals. To be considered, a student (or group of students) must prepare a written statement which describes the project (who, what, where, how) including expected outcomes and prospects for future impact (**not to exceed two pages**) as well as a budget (**one separate page**). **IMPORTANT:** All written project proposals require a heading to include the following: **Title of Project (not to change once submitted)** , **country where project took place**, **sponsoring college**, **designated project leader name**, **remaining team member names and schools**, **date range of project execution**. Proposals should have pre-approval of all parties and organizations involved in the project. The two-page proposal and one-page budget should be submitted electronically to the designated official on each campus as outlined below.

How are submitted proposals judged?

Each participating partner school has designated a campus contact, known as the Projects for Peace Liaison, to coordinate the Projects for Peace process on its campus. This PfP Liaison will guide the internal campus procedures within their school's policies and parameters: announcing and promoting the opportunity to students; organizing the selection committee to evaluate the proposals submitted; communicating results on a timely basis to the Davis UWC Scholars Program office; and distributing 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 will the grants be awarded?

The intention is to fund 100 projects (or more, subject to additional funding), with at least one at each of the participating partner schools. Therefore, all 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. It is the partner schools' responsibility to distribute the awarded grant funds for the winning proposal within their policies and guidelines as it applies to grant awards to students.**

What is the timetable for proposals and decisions?

Please refer to our [Deadlines & Calendar](#) for Summer 2021 Deadlines posted on our website.

What is required for each project's final report?

One final project report per project funded must be submitted to the Davis UWC Scholars Program office no later than **September 13, 2021** via Dropbox (link to be requested by Projects for Peace Liaison from this office). Final Report Instructions are posted on our website and must be strictly adhered to or reports will be returned to conform to our instructions and formatting guidelines. All submitted and accepted final reports with pictures will be published on our Projects for Peace website and will be considered for profiling in our annual report. Final reports with pictures, once published, are not subject to further revisions nor be deleted for any reason.

Additional Questions regarding COVID-19 and its impact on Projects for Peace:

- **When/how will 2020 Projects for Peace be awarded and implemented?**
 - If circumstances permit, all 2020 approved PfPs would simply take place and run concurrently with 2021 Projects for Peace following the same timeline with implementation during the summer of 2021. In this way, we will be able to manage the overall grant process in an orderly and consistent fashion with all partner institutions. PfP Liaisons will be contacted to advise whether their institution's awarded 2020 Projects for Peace will take place.
- **Our awarded 2020 PfP participant has graduated from our institution, are they still eligible to implement their project?**
 - Yes, participants whose 2020 PfP proposals were awarded remain eligible to implement their projects within our 2021 PfP timeline.
- **What if our institutions awarded 2020 PfP participant is no longer able/available to implement their project?**
 - If for any reason your institution's awarded 2020 PfP is unable to implement their project within our timeline, please replace with your institution's 2020 PfP alternate proposal as submitted.
- **What if our 2020 PfP alternate proposer is unable to implement their project, or our institution did not submit an alternate proposal?**
 - We will review our internal list of 2020 Projects for Peace waitlisted winning projects as submitted and reach out to those institutions to inquire if those projects can be implemented.
- **The parameters of our 2020 and/or 2021 PfP have changed, are alternatives allowed for implementation?**
 - Yes. Should parameters of any project change due to COVID-19 or other safety issues, all participants are encouraged to think creatively when implementing either 2020 or 2021 Projects for Peace. If teams are in place at original site, participants can look into implementing their projects via technological means (Zoom, Skype, etc.) with their on-ground teams. Should any site become volatile, we encourage relocation for safety reasons. All relocation efforts and other means of implementation should be outlined as part of the final report.
- **Given the possible alternatives for project implementation, is there still an expectation to fully expend awarded grant funds?**
 - Yes, regardless of how the projects are implemented, our awarded PfP grant funds in the amount of \$10,000/project are expected to be fully expended toward project expenses. Each PfP Liaison is the final reviewer and approver of their institution's awarded grant funds. Final Budget Reports must show the awarded grant funds fully expended with the submission of the final report. Large donations toward a group and/or any ongoing efforts after the project's implementation phase are strongly discouraged.

*****We will continue to track the health implications of the COVID-19 pandemic and reserve the right to modify plans as appropriate.**

Any other questions should be directed to our office by the on-campus PfP Liaison. Again, communication between students writing proposals and the Davis UWC Scholars Program office is strictly prohibited.