Call for Proposals
“Projects for Peace”
$10,000 grant opportunity
for projects that promote peace and address root causes

As a Davis United World College Scholars partner institution, Davidson College is proud to announce that it is now accepting applications/proposals for “Projects for Peace.” Davidson students can apply for a $10,000 grant to support projects that promote peace and address the root causes of conflict among parties (projects undertaken during the summer of 2020). Applicants should 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 for Peace 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.

One project and one alternate will be selected by a review committee of professionals from The Center for Civic Engagement, The Dean Rusk International Studies program and the Office of Admissions and advanced to Davis UWC Program in February where final decisions will be made. The campus review committee in will notify selected students mid-March.
To apply:

Group or individual proposals are permitted. Submit a proposal electronically on WildcatSync no later than Friday, January 17, 2020 at 11:59pm. Proposals should include pre-approval of all parties and organizations involved in the project. Proposals, not to exceed two single-spaced typed pages, should:

- Describe the project (who, what, where, how) including expected outcomes and prospects for future impact.
- Clearly demonstrate how the project will address root causes grounded in community need/data.
- Have a heading that includes name of participating institutions (e.g., Davidson College), name of all student participants, title of project, dates of project, and country where the project will be performed.
- Include a separate document that outlines the program budget.

For more information, visit https://www.davidson.edu/offices-and-services/civic-engagement/grants-and-funding-opportunities or contact the Center for Civic Engagement in Suite 414 of the Knobloch Campus Center / 704-894-2420. Examples of funded projects can be found here.

The Davis Projects for Peace are made possible by the late Kathryn Wasserman Davis, an accomplished internationalist and philanthropist. Upon the occasion of her 100th birthday in February of 2007, Mrs. Davis, mother of Shelby M.C. Davis who funds the Davis UWC Scholars Program, chose to celebrate by committing $1 million for one hundred Projects for Peace. "I want to use my 100th birthday to help young people launch some immediate initiatives—things that they can do during the summer of 2007—that will bring new thinking to the prospects of peace in the world," says Mrs. Davis. Because of the many marvelous achievements made by students since the summer of 2007, Mrs. Davis made a commitment to continue the Projects for Peace. Mrs. Davis passed away at the age of 106 on April 23, 2013.