Davis United World College Scholars Program
2017 ‘Projects for Peace’ Competition

A $10,000 Award
for
Grassroots Projects for Peace to be implemented in Summer 2017

Deadline for Submissions: Monday, January 16, 2017

As a participating institution in the Davis United World College Scholars Program, Colgate University is pleased to announce the ninth annual competition for a $10,000 award for “grassroots projects for peace” that can be implemented during the summer of 2017.

The selection committee will give priority to projects that will focus upon the study and amelioration of contemporary conflicts and on efforts to resolve them, over proposals that highlight individual philanthropic or relief initiatives. However worthwhile, a proposal to build a school or youth center will not be ranked as highly as an initiative that might address problems facing popular peace and reconciliation organizations/efforts that are actively seeking to end particular conflicts or assist post-conflict societies.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all current students. First years, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are welcome to apply. Students may submit proposals on their own or in groups. To be considered, a Colgate student (or group of students) must prepare a two-page proposal describing the project (who, what, where, how) and the expected outcomes and prospects for future impact; as well as a one-page budget. Additional materials for the selection process are outlined below.

Application Requirements: In order to be considered, applicants must submit the following items. The application should be formatted into two PDF files and sent to Kimberly Germain, Assistant Dean of Fellowship Advising, at ONFS@Colgate.edu. Application deadline is JANUARY 16, 2017. The title of the PDFs should be your Colgate login ID followed by Davis App (e.g. jsmith Davis App 1 and jsmith Davis App 2).

PDF 1 (3 pages total):
• Two-page proposal. The proposal must address: a) the ‘who, what, where, and how’ of the project; b) an explanation of the expected outcomes; c) prospects for future impact, and ‘thus why’ the project is important; d) a summary of the knowledge and skills that provide the applicant(s) with the ability to complete the project. A heading at the top of page 1 must include: name of institution (Colgate University), names of all student participants, title of project, dates of the project, and country where project will be performed.
• One-page budget. The budget must itemize all costs associated with the execution of the project. See page 3 for suggested budget categories. All funds must be spent during the summer of 2017.

PDF 2:
• Contact information for two recommenders (name, affiliation, address, phone, and e-mail) who can confirm that you possess the specific knowledge base and skills required to complete your proposed project. Skills may be technical, interpersonal, organizational, etc. At least one recommender must be a Colgate faculty member. In the case of group projects, each of the participants must list two recommenders, even if they overlap.
• **College transcript(s).** A copy of your current Colgate transcript is an essential part of the application process. In the case of group projects, transcripts must be included for all students in the group. Transcripts must be scanned and included in pdf 2.

• **Letter(s) of affiliation.** If other parties and organizations (such as NGOs, human rights groups, or institutions of higher learning) will be involved with the project in any way, you must include letters (on organizational letterhead) from them indicating their willingness to participate in the project. Alternatively, applicants may ask the relevant organizations to e-mail notification of their consent directly to Colgate’s Office of National Fellowships and Scholarships, ONFS@colgate.edu. The e-mail subject line should include the name of the applicant(s) followed by Davis App.

**Projects may take place in the United States or abroad.** For projects outside the US, refer to Colgate’s policy on travel to high-risk destinations ([www.colgate.edu/academics/off-campus-study/planning-and-policies/travel-warning-policy](http://www.colgate.edu/academics/off-campus-study/planning-and-policies/travel-warning-policy)) and check the State Department's travel warnings and country information([http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html)).

Projects in countries with travel warnings, or in areas with serious safety and security threats, must be approved by Colgate’s offices of Risk Management and Off-Campus Study / International Programs. If activities are proposed in such countries or areas, applicants must petition the offices of Off-Campus Study and Risk Management for approval.

**Selection and Timeline:** A committee of experienced Colgate faculty and administrators will review the proposals as of the deadline date. The review process will include careful consideration of, among other things, the feasibility of the project and the promise of tangible outcomes as discussed in the proposal. At least one proposal will be selected and submitted to the Projects for Peace program for funding.

• **Wednesday, October 26, 2016, at 12:15 - 1:15 PM:** information session for applicants. Meet with members of the selection committee at the COVE (109 Lathrop) and get tips on what makes a good application.

• **Monday, January 16, 2017:** application deadline.

• The selection committee may ask for revisions, liability forms, and travel petitions if applicable. Finalists will be ranked by the selection committee and submitted to Projects for Peace in February.

• Grantees will be notified on March 13, 2017.

• Projects are to be completed during Summer 2017.

• Grantees will submit final reports (narrative and financial) by September 13, 2017.

**Questions may be directed to:**

- Kimberly Germain ([ONFS@Colgate.edu](mailto:ONFS@Colgate.edu)), Assistant Dean, Fellowship Advising
- Prof. Susan Thomson ([sthomson@colgate.edu](mailto:sthomson@colgate.edu)), Peace and Conflict Studies program
- Prof. Alexander Karn ([akarn@colgate.edu](mailto:akarn@colgate.edu)), History Dept.

**For more information visit:**
[www.davisprojectsforpeace.org/](http://www.davisprojectsforpeace.org/)

**View past successful proposals at:**
[www.davisprojectsforpeace.org/projects](http://www.davisprojectsforpeace.org/projects)
Projects for Peace 2017 – Suggested Budget Categories

The categories below may be useful in preparing your one-page budget.

**Student Expenses**

- **Travel (Including Airfare):** Expenses for airfare, car rentals, fuel and maintenance, public transportation and/or any other travel-related costs for the student or student team. Include costs for both travel to the project focus region and within the project focus region.
- **Lodging:** Lodging costs for the student / student team, such as hotels, apartments, homestays, and utility costs.
- **Communications:** Personal communication costs for students only. For example: cell phones and minutes, calling cards, internet service.
- **Food:** Food expenses for the student / student team, including food purchased while traveling and while working in the project focus region.
- **Other:** Itemize any additional personal costs that do not fall into the previous categories. For example: vaccinations, visas and country entrance fees, etc.

**Non-Student Expenses**

- **Non-Student Travel and Lodging:** Travel and lodging expenses for project staff, volunteers, beneficiaries, and anyone else involved in the project who is not a member of the student team.
- **Direct Equipment and Supplies:** Equipment and supplies necessary for the direct implementation of the project and fulfillment of the project’s mission. For example: construction materials, books, computers, agricultural materials, start-up costs.
- **Marketing and Event Support:** Materials used to support the project but not for the direct fulfillment of the project’s mission. For example: marketing materials, infrastructure rental, media documentation materials, event support materials (i.e. refreshments).
- **Staffing Costs:** Any stipends or payments to guests, professional mentors, contractors, community participants.
- **Other:** Itemize any additional project expenses that do not fall into the previous categories. For example: donations for project sustainability, incorporation fees, funding for continued research by a partner organization, etc.
**Students applying to Projects for Peace for projects outside the U.S. must follow Colgate's policy on Travel Warnings.**

The U.S. Department of State issues travel warnings in different levels of severity. See [http://travel.state.gov/](http://travel.state.gov/) for Travel Warnings and Country Information. Students with questions may contact Carol Drogus in the Off-Campus Study office, cdrogus@colgate.edu.

**Excluded Travel**

Colgate undergraduates may not receive sponsorship for activities abroad, including credit for study abroad; funding for internships, research, or volunteer activities; or sponsorship for extracurricular activities, such as music or sport, for countries for which the U.S. State Department has issued a travel warning that does any of the following:

- orders departure of U.S. dependents and non-emergency personnel;
- recommends that any U.S. citizens remaining in the country should depart;
- strongly warns U.S. citizens against travel to the country;
- warns or urges U.S. citizens to defer (non-essential) travel to the country;
- or warns that the U.S. Embassy's ability to provide emergency consular services is limited.

For countries for which a warning is in place, the lifting of the warning must occur before the date of departure for Colgate sponsorship to be given.

**Petitionable Travel**

Colgate students may petition to receive sponsorship for activities abroad, including credit for study abroad; funding for internships, research, or volunteer activities; or sponsorship for extracurricular activities, such as music or sport, for countries for which the State Department has issued lesser travel warning levels, such as, for example, when the State Department only:

- warns U.S. citizens of the (risks, dangers, or potential risk or danger) of travel to the country;
- urges U.S. citizens to evaluate carefully their security and safety before traveling to the country;
- warns (cautions) U.S. citizens to consider the risks of travel to the country;
- cautions U.S. citizens to take prudent security measures;
- urges (warns) U.S. citizens to weigh the necessity of travel to the country;
- or urges U.S. citizens to exercise extreme caution.

The petition should include:

- a summary of the student's plan for the sponsored activity;
- an itinerary that includes likely destinations within the country;
- an explanation of how the student will travel within the country;
- an explanation of where the student will be staying within the country;
- and previous academic courses (including language) or experiences that the student has had that might prepare him/her for this experience.

Colgate's offices of Off-Campus Study and Risk Management will inform students if their petition has been approved, denied, or if further information is needed.