Davis United World College Scholars Program

2016 ‘Projects for Peace’ Competition

A $10,000 Award

for

Grassroots Projects for Peace to be implemented in Summer 2016

Deadline for Submissions: Monday, January 11, 2016

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 2016.

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 11, 2016. 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 skills that provide the applicant(s) with the skills necessary to complete the project; e) if yours is a group/joint proposal, an explanation of how you will divide the work and resources between you.

- **One-page budget**. The budget must itemize all travel, equipment, labor, and other costs associated with the execution of the project. All funds must be spent during the summer of 2016. Co-funding from other sources is permitted, but we ask that you list these amounts if your budget exceeds $10,000.

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) and check the State Department’s travel warnings and country information (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.

**Liability form and petitionable travel.** Before the final selection, applicants under consideration will receive liability forms to complete. Additionally, if activities are proposed in countries with travel warnings, 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 28, 2015, at 12:15 - 1:15 PM: information session for applicants.** Meet with members of the selection committee at the Center for International Programs (101 McGregory) and get tips on what makes a good application.

- **Monday, January 11, 2016: 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 by March 14, 2016.

- Projects are to be completed during Summer 2016.

- Grantees will submit final reports (narrative and financial) by September 16, 2016.

**Questions may be directed to:**

- Kimberly Germain (ONFS@Colgate.edu), Assistant Dean, Fellowship Advising
- Prof. Jacob Mundy (mundy@colgate.edu), Peace and Conflict Studies program

**For more information visit:**

www.davisprojectsforpeace.org/

**View past successful proposals at:**

www.davisprojectsforpeace.org/projects
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 Colgate's Interim Director of International Programs, Carol Drogus, [cdrogus@colgate.edu](mailto: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.