100 Projects for Peace
Guidelines for Applicant Letter of Intent and Partner Letter of Commitment

due date: 8 Jan. 2016 by 5pm (EST); fax 617.627.3032; email: pjs@tufts.edu (attachment: no PDFs, WORD documents only)

A Letter of Intent is required for those of you – individuals or teams – who plan to submit a proposal for undertaking a Project for Peace. Signers of the letter must include all team members, or the sole, individual applicant. If a team, please identify the principal or lead contact.

The letter should address the Project for Peace objectives (see over for description) by providing brief answers to the following questions:

1. What is the project name or title?
2. Where will the project take place?
3. What issue(s)/need(s) does the project address?
4. What is the project idea to be deployed?
5. What is/are the primary objective(s)?
6. Will you/your team work with a partner organization (and if so, who)?
7. Does this project continue or build upon previous engagements between you/the team members and partner organizations?
8. How does this project relate to your/each team member’s academic major, plan of study, and/or civic engagement/social activism interests?
9. Describe the activities and resources required of the projected budget.
10. Specify how the desired results of your project contribute to peace.

Moreover, an accompanying Letter of Commitment from all organizations that will serve as partners in the implementation of the proposed project must also be submitted. In addition to the organization’s name (on letterhead stationery, when possible) and a contact person, the basic information needed would address their level of commitment to the project. This could include the following: the role they will play in the project, from conceptualization, implementation, and assessment (not all are required); any financial and/or in-kind resource commitment they will make; how the project fits with their mission and objectives; their assessment of the value of the project to the “needs” targeted; and what they hope to do with the expected outcomes, whether as product or process.

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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.