

## Research Funding Application Guidelines and FAQ's

The [Kathryn Wasserman Davis Collaborative in Conflict Transformation](#) offers research funding for scholarly work across Middlebury's Vermont and Monterey campuses. The annual call funds projects during the calendar year (1 January – 31 December).

### Application components

- A three-to-four-page single-spaced narrative proposal, following the template available in the application, that includes
  - A statement of the project's connection to conflict transformation,
  - A short budget justification, and
  - A brief dissemination plan;
- A budget using the Excel template available in the application;
- [InfoEd](#) approval email;
- A recent CV; and
- Indication of any other funding for the project.

### Frequently Asked Questions

*What is this funding for?*

The purpose of these grants is to fund research that helps us develop a deeper understanding of conflict, including how it may be transformed. Other elements of the broader grant received by Middlebury focus on developing skills for transforming conflict for high school, college, and graduate students and through community engagement.

*What kinds of projects are most likely to be funded, and does my project fit?*

We are interested in a wide range of research on conflict. Core to our understanding of conflict transformation is the belief that conflict can be productive, generative, and crucial for social change. We are also interested in research in the field of conflict studies. We will give preference to projects that ask new and interesting questions about conflict; how one might transform dominant understandings of it; projects that demonstrate how research can be useful for understanding and addressing conflict; and proposals that make clear how this funding will allow applicants to extend their research beyond what they have done before. ***We welcome proposals from all fields.***

Among other aspects, strong proposals might:

- Recognize that conflict is pervasive in society and presents opportunities to create change processes that increase justice (Lederach 2003)
- Highlight creative solutions to conflict-based systems and situations (conflict resolution) and/or help build something new (moving to transformation)
- Emphasize how a particular field, approach, or discipline approaches conflict transformation, especially within specific contexts
- Discuss whether the project is focused on macro, meso, micro, and/or “me-cro” (individual) scales of conflict transformation
- Demonstrate a recognition of the past/history in creating present patterns/structures – and consider how moving into the future means creating new relationships
- Explore the application of key practices in Conflict Transformation, such as: seeing issues as a window, integrating multiple time frames, posing conflict energies as dilemmas, making complexity part of the process, and hearing/engaging multiple perspectives (Lederach 2003)

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*How do I know if a specific line item in my budget is allowed to be funded?*

For specific questions about budgets, please email the [Collaborative in Conflict Transformation](#).

*Can I use funding for summer salary?*

Yes. Summer salary is available for those setting aside time dedicated to the project. The number of hours that will be committed to the project should be included in a budget justification.

*Can I request multi-year funding?*

Yes, but the grant budget works on an annual calendar-year basis, and funding must be applied for every year. This funding cycle will cover expenses in the calendar year 2023 (between 1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023). Any funds awarded but not spent by December 2023 will return to the Collaborative to be reassigned.

*What do I need to show/share at the end of the research process?*

We will send a survey to all recipients asking about their work at the end of the funding period. Additionally, success of these grants is measured in terms of scholarly output. This might include conference presentations, traditional peer-reviewed publications (including academic journal articles, book chapters, or books), or public-facing scholarship that describes accomplishments or lessons learned for policy or practice; thus, we ask that you keep the Collaborative updated on dissemination. The CT Collaborative will reach out annually to ask grant recipients for their related citations, etc., though recipients are also welcome to share updates on an ad-hoc basis. Grant recipients may also be asked to present their research via future CT Collaborative convenings.