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15 EXEMPLARY STUDENT-RUN PROJECTS WIN FUNDING FROM LIL VENTURE FUND VIA IDEACTION GLOBAL PITCH COMPETITION

The LIL Venture Fund (LVF) recently allocated a total of USD\$5000 in funding to the following fifteen student-initiated and/or student-run projects:

Cognitive Compass Connections *by Lydia Sun*

Hope for Hearing *by Daniel Xing*

AquaGuardian *by Aimee Zheng*

HackPost *by Alex Wang*

Bridging Generations *by Katherine Ma*

PrepPages *by Michael Zhou*

The Green Society *by Victor Xu*

Wise Charity Fund *by Matt Zhang*



Seniobility by Annie Qu

Food For Thought by Alicia Li

Enable Together by Danny Huang

Friend in Me by Drew Sansing

The Happiness Gallery by Sarah Zhao

Panovision by Sophia Peng

Robot Project by Zhaoyang Zhang

These projects have emerged victorious from the IdeAction Global Pitch Competition and have thus won funding from the LIL Venture Fund. Our sincere congratulations to the above projects on their success. We were favorably impressed with the quality demonstrated by these projects' pitches and reassured in their stated plans for future expansion.

For this funding cycle (April 2024 to November 2024), a total of USD\$53,800 was requested across all competition entries received. All applications were reviewed holistically and separately by two Limited Partners who evaluated each application independently. Consensus on funding decisions and amounts was then reached among Limited Partners in cases where conclusions of individual evaluations presented discrepancies.

Awarded projects will be subject to ongoing monitoring by LVF's Limited Partners to ensure productive usage of funds and continued growth of respective projects and/or organizations.

The next funding cycle will commence in November 2024. Funding will once again be awarded via the IdeAction Global Pitch Competition. Those interested in obtaining funding are encouraged to enter this competition.



About the LIL Venture Fund

The LIL Venture Fund is a permanent fixture in the Leadership & Innovation Lab ecosystem to provide funding to promising student projects/organizations/ventures to assist in their growth and expansion. This is the only venture fund in existence dedicated to funding high-school level student projects/organizations/ventures. The LVF offers funding annually over two funding cycles - May and November. All high-school students are welcome to apply for funding. All projects are evaluated holistically and individually.



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