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10 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 ten student-initiated and/or student-run projects:

Psych Patch by **Aurora Huang**

CellQuest by **Daniel Zhang**

Project OFTEN 无妨 by **Dora Wu**

Liber Timbre by **Haoran Nathan Yang**

SwapCard by **Nancy Li**

EconoMe by **Rachel Lee**

PeerPrism by **Ricky Zou, Milton Dai, Mikail Iqbal**

Bright Beats by **Ryan Qi**

30 Day Me by **Franklin Zhang, Sonya Zhang**

ClimaNex by **Tianle Liang**

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 (November 2025 to April 2026), a total of approximately USD\$55,000 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 April 2026. 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. All high-school students are welcome to apply for funding. All projects are evaluated holistically and individually.



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