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13 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\$6000 in funding to the following thirteen student-initiated and/or student-run projects:

St. Martin Digital Learning Project	<i>Ameesha Singh</i>
Behavioral-Design Card Game	<i>Aurora Huang</i>
Temprano	<i>Caroline Rickards</i>
PainMap	<i>Claire Wei</i>
SwapCard	<i>Emily Liu, George Zhang, Nancy Li</i>
Empower Asia	<i>Evan Zhang</i>
Tutoring Scheme	<i>Harry Zhang</i>
Partake (NPO Art Rental)	<i>Jackson Kim</i>
AYLUS Space Coast Branch	<i>Madison Shi</i>
Leukemia Warrior Support Platform	<i>Martina Gao</i>



Online Ordering System	<i>Pule Shi</i>
The Sunflower Project	<i>Ruhi Yue</i>
E-QUIPu	<i>Samuel Lu</i>

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 (May 2026 to November 2026), a total of approximately USD\$35,948 (6x the available funding) was requested across all competition entries received. This explains why the allocation decisions were difficult. Even the 13 funded projects alone requested about \$29,000 combined.

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 September 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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