

2025 J-term Live It Fund Program

Application

With J-Term awards (up to \$2,000 project reimbursement funding), the purpose of the Live It Program is to give Macalester students an opportunity to live out their definition of global citizenship by proposing innovative solutions to problems and opportunities they identify.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Students enrolled full-time at Macalester College in the Spring 2025 may apply.
- Students who are studying abroad for the Spring 2025 semester may apply, but you must be able to video call for any required interviews or meetings.
- Students may apply solo or in teams of 2 people. Both members of your team must follow the eligibility requirements.
- If you are a senior graduating at the end of the fall semester, you must partner with a student who will be at Macalester the entire academic year to be eligible to apply. Someone needs to be enrolled during the spring semester to participate in all of the follow-up Live It Fund requirements that take place after J-Term is over.

Within this application, you will be asked for your consent to allow the Department of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, to contact the Office of Student Affairs, the Registrar, Academic Programs, and Title IX to inquire about your disciplinary and academic status with the college. Current or past violations do not necessarily mean you will be excluded from this selection process; however, they may be taken into consideration. You will also be asked for consent to authorize the Macalester College Financial Aid Office to disclose information to the Entrepreneurship at Macalester for the purpose of consideration for Live It Fund. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. Schools must have written permission to release student record information. For the purposes of this grant process, Financial Aid will only release information about your level of demonstrated need for financial aid. Details of your financial aid application will not be shared. By consenting to this release, you the student, certify that you are granting the Financial Aid Office permission to release your financial need information to be considered for Live It Fund.

Your application will be kept confidential throughout the entire process, but it will be shared internally within the Department of Entrepreneurship and Innovation as well as with the relevant selection committees. The selection committees are required to keep all application and selection materials confidential. We retain the right to share your application or portions of your application to various departments and committees within the college including, but not limited to, International Student Programs, Institutional Research, and the Institutional Review Board committee.

If you feel that you need an application provided to you in an alternative way or assistance with completing the application, please reach out directly to Disability Services at disabilityservices@macalester.edu.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

2. How did you hear about the Live It Fund? *

3. Project name *

4. Where will your project take place? *

Please write in what country, city, state. and (if relevant) whether you would travel in January

5. How much funding are you requesting? *

Note: the funding received is not a stipend, but reimbursement toward project expenses paid to you from Macalester before you begin your project. You will be required to keep all of your receipts, track your expenses, and pay back any amount of money you do not spend back to the college. Since the college is reimbursing your expenses, there are a few restrictions on what you can spend your money on. If you are selected, you will be required to submit a proposed budget.

Mark only one oval.

\$500

\$1000

\$1500

6. Describe your project in one sentence *

ex. [NAME of Project] is a [NOUN : educational workshop, mural project, training program, documentary, etc.] to help [WHO your "noun" will help/work with] to address the opportunity of [WHAT is the problem/opportunity].

Create a video!

In a 2-3 minute video, please talk about the prompts below. Please try to make your video at least 2 minutes in length but no longer than 3 minutes.

In this video:

1. Quickly, introduce yourself, the problem you want to work on and your proposed solution.
2. Thoroughly explain what you will actually do.
3. Tell us how you will bring and practice your own entrepreneurial mindset during the January Live It Fund?

*Entrepreneurial Mindset : the discovery, thinking, reasoning and implementation skills necessary to thrive in highly uncertain environments.

*Entrepreneurial Method : learning by doing! It is learning to be creative and thrive in unpredictable environments. It's can be messy but clarity comes with action and practice.

Important Note: Entrepreneurship is all around us. Every student (that means you!) has the ability to think and act entrepreneurially, envision possibility, transform opportunity, and create impact.

7. Upload video here *

If you are having technical difficulties, you can email your video to Jody at jemmings@macalester.edu

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Essay Questions

The **Live It Fund** encourages students to adopt an entrepreneurial mindset by taking action and learning through real-world experience. As you approach your chosen challenge, consider how you will build meaningful connections with those you aim to impact, using empathy to deeply understand their needs. Think about how you will creatively experiment with potential solutions, embracing both success and failure as opportunities to grow. Play and experimentation can unlock innovative insights, while reflection will allow you to assess your progress, learn from setbacks, and iterate on your ideas. Ultimately, this process will help you develop resilience and work toward a meaningful solution.

8. Please define the problem or opportunity and how your project proposes to work toward solving it? Describe your proposed projects in as much detail as possible and the steps you will take to complete it. *

9. Why are you the best person (team) to solve this problem? *

You are more than your project goals. Tell us about where you've been, where you are going, how you spend your free time, what changes have happened in your life, what are your passions? In terms of you and your project: Why do you care about this project? Do you have a personal connection to this problem? Why do you (yes, you personally) think you can actually make a difference? What skills and strengths do you bring? **If working as a team, describe your team dynamic: How do you work as a team? Have you worked as a team in the past? How will you distribute the work?

10. How do you know this project is needed? *

Why doesn't your solution already exist? How else have people tried to solve this problem and how will your solution be innovative?

11. Who are your potential community collaborators? *

Who is trying to solve this problem? What organizations, people, startups are also in the space? Are they collaborators, competitors or both? Please cite specific examples.

12. Please describe some of the constraints and barriers you may face. *

13. What are the potential risks of the project to the communities you may be working with or yourself? If encountered, how do you plan to mitigate these risks? *

14. How did you come up with this idea? Have you worked on this idea in the past? (100 words max) *

Through your own lived experience or academic coursework/extra-curricular, etc. If you have worked on it, what has been accomplished? (Note: No prior work on this idea is required for acceptance)

15. What do you hope to achieve in the very short time period of J-term? *

What is your plan during this one month period and what would success look like on **January 19** (the last day of your project). How will your pilot project provide data or insights you need to continue forward in your work on this solution? This is the place where you tell us what is actually going to be happening during that period. What does your project look like in practice?

16. Who are the people who can support you through this project? *

Start with people at Macalester. What professors, staff, supervisors, fellow students have expertise, skills, care for you that will help you be successful both in terms of the project content and in terms of what you need personally to be successful? Outside of Macalester, who is your support team? Is there anything missing that you would like to find in a potential mentor you don't yet have?

17. Is there anything else you would like to share?

Participant Info

Participant 1

18. Participant 1 Full Legal Name *

19. Participant 1 Preferred name *

20. Participant 1 Name Pronunciation *

21. Participant 1 Pronouns *

22. Which of the following groups do you identify with? (Check all that apply and you feel comfortable sharing) *

All of the following demographic data is being captured to better understand the reach of Entrepreneurship and Innovation programming and who is more likely to participate. The following section is optional and you will have the opportunity to elaborate on any responses you choose to share.

Check all that apply.

- Students studying in the US from international countries (ISP)
- Domestic student (US Citizen or Permanent Resident)
- Students on the LGBTQIA+ spectra
- Students from first generation backgrounds
- Students with Pell eligibility
- Prefer not to respond
- Other: _____

23. Please feel free to elaborate on any of the answers you shared above *

24. Participant 1 If you are a US citizen, what is your racial or ethnic identification? *
(Check all that apply and you feel comfortable sharing)

Check all that apply.

- I am not a US citizen
- Native American/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African-American
- Hispanic or Latino/a/x
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- White
- Two or More Races
- I prefer not to respond
- Other: _____

25. Participant 1 Gender *

Mark only one oval.

- Male
- Female
- Nonbinary/Non-conforming
- Prefer not to answer
- Other: _____

26. Participant 1 Macalester ID# *

27. Participant 1 Macalester email address *

28. Participant 1 Cell Phone # *

Only needed for emergencies.

29. Participant 1 Home City, State, Country *

30. Participant 1 Expected Graduation Year *

Mark only one oval.

2025

2026

2027

2028

31. Participant 1, what else is happening for you during the J-term period? *

32. Participant 1 Major/minor/concentration *

33. Participant 1 - What is your personal definition of global citizenship? In what way do you or your project embody this? *

75 words max (If applying as a team, each participant must answer this question separately. This is not a team question but an individual question)

34. Participant 1 - What is your personal definition of Entrepreneurship? In what way do you or your project embody this? *

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35. Participant 1 Upload Resume *

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36. Are you applying as an individual or with a partner? *

Mark only one oval.

Individual *Skip to question 56*

With a partner *Skip to question 37*

Participant 2

37. Which of your team members is the team lead? *

We will use this student as our main point of contact in an urgent situation.

38. Participant 2 Full Legal Name *

39. Participant 2 Preferred Name *

40. Participant 2 Name Pronunciation *

41. Participant 2 Pronouns *

42. Participant 2: Which of the following groups do you identify with? (Check all that apply and you feel comfortable sharing) *

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43. Please feel free to elaborate on any of the answers you shared above *

44. Participant 2 Gender *

Mark only one oval.

- Male
- Female
- Nonbinary/Non-conforming
- Not listed above

45. Participant 2 If you are a US citizen, what is your racial or ethnic identification? *
(Check all that apply and you feel comfortable sharing)

Check all that apply.

- I am not a US citizen
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55. Participant 2 Upload Resume *

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Final Steps

56. Also mentioned in the info packet is the requirement for each project to have a mentor. Do you have someone in mind? If yes, please submit their name in the "other" line below. *

This person can be a staff, faculty, alumni, or community member. They should have specific knowledge or experience that will benefit you and your project.

Mark only one oval.

No, please connect me with a Mac alumni

Other: _____

57. What questions do you have for us? *

58. The Live It Fund is not just a fund, but a program. While projects happen over January, the timeline of the program runs throughout the academic year, with projects ending January 18, 2025. During the program, you will participate in cohort reflections, IRB training, content and budget advising meetings, check-ins with your team's assigned mentor, a presentation rehearsal and an event to share your project. Also, I have fully read and I am responsible for knowing and adhering to all necessary items in the information packet (linked at top of application and on Live It Fund website). *

Check all that apply.

I have read and understand the above statement.

59. COVID-19 Disclaimer: Due to precautions related to COVID-19, Macalester College, specifically the Department of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, reserves the right to adjust the program as necessary if safety regulations or recommendations change. Students will be allowed to travel both domestically and internationally to pursue their project. However, travel may be restricted if health and safety conditions change. *

Check all that apply.

I have read and understand the above statement.

60. By applying to this program, you are granting permission for the Department of Entrepreneurship and Innovation to contact the Office of Student Affairs, the Registrar, Academic Programs, The Financial Aid Office, and Title IX to inquire about your disciplinary, academic and financial aid status with the college. Current or past violations do not necessarily mean you will be excluded from this selection process; however, they can be taken into consideration. *

Check all that apply.

I consent to a Title IX, academic, financial aid and behavioral standing check. I will email Abbie Anderson at aander10@macalester.edu separately if I would like to provide further explanation about any of the categories listed.

61. I agree to authorize the Macalester College Financial Aid Office to disclose information to the Entrepreneurship at Macalester for the purpose of consideration for Live It Fund. *

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Yes

No

62. Thank you!
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