



Davidson Institute
Fellows Scholarship

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**WELLESLEY TEEN AWARDED \$50,000 SCHOLARSHIP FOR PROJECT
USING CLASSICAL PIANO TO FRAME THE BALANCE BETWEEN
CONSISTENCY AND CHANGE**

Katherine Liu Named A 2022 Davidson Fellow Laureate Scholarship Winner

Wellesley, Mass. – The Davidson Fellows Scholarship Program has announced the 2022 scholarship winners. Among the honorees is 17-year-old Katherine Liu of Wellesley. Liu won a \$50,000 scholarship for her project, *Innovation and Worldviews: A Challenge to Consistency and a Call for Change*. She is one of only three students across the country to be recognized as a Davidson Fellows Laureate and one of only 21 scholarship winners in the 2022 Fellows class.

“Becoming a Davidson Fellow has been a dream of mine for several years, and I am beyond grateful for this mind-blowing opportunity to continue pursuing my education—both academic and music—at a higher level,” said Liu. “I am so thankful that the Davidson Institute found meaning in my work, and I hope that my project will in turn encourage people to seek discovery and be unafraid of stepping into the unknown.”

For her project, Liu uses her experience as a classical pianist to explore the creative process and frame the balance between consistency and change. Her project demonstrates that changing up an old routine neither implies an admission of previous error nor entails the destruction of self-identity; flexibility simply gives room for growth and development.

“During an era where so much of society has been transformed since the beginning of COVID-19, flexibility can help people adapt to these ever-changing circumstances,” Liu said. “In wake of the tragedy caused by COVID-19, the war in Ukraine, and the recent school shootings, many people around the world—including my family—are struggling with grief. It seems like flexibility is relevant, now more than ever.”

Liu is a rising senior at Wellesley High School and a student at the New England Conservatory Preparatory School. In her free time, Liu enjoys walking outdoors, watching nature and history documentaries, reading novels and eating spicy food.

“This year’s class of Davidson Fellows Scholarship recipients continue to find new and innovative ways to pursue their educational and research journeys while striving to solve some of the world’s most vexing problems,” said Bob Davidson, founder of the Davidson Institute. “These students have not just overcome the challenges of doing significant work during a pandemic; our Fellows have embraced the new opportunities that have come from creative, outside-the-box thinking to use technology to expand their networks of mentors and access new sources of information and data, resulting in a very diverse portfolio of projects.”

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The 2022 Davidson Fellows will be honored during a reception at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and with a virtual project presentation ceremony in September 2022.

The Davidson Fellows Scholarship program offers \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$10,000 college scholarships to students 18 or younger, who have completed significant projects that have the potential to benefit society in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, literature and music. The Davidson Fellows Scholarship has provided more than \$9 million in scholarship funds to 407 students since its inception in 2001, and has been named one of the most prestigious undergraduate scholarships by [U.S. News & World Report](#). It is a program of the Davidson Institute, a national nonprofit organization headquartered in Reno, Nev. that supports profoundly gifted youth.

About the Davidson Institute

Founded by Bob Davidson in 1999, the Davidson Institute recognizes, nurtures and supports profoundly intelligent young people, and provides opportunities for them to develop their talents to make a positive difference. The Institute offers support through a number of programs and services, including the Davidson Fellows Scholarship and the [Davidson Academy of Nevada](#). For more information about the 2022 Davidson Fellows, please visit: [DavidsonFellows.org](#).

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