



Applying for a 100K Innovation Fund Grant

2020 Mexico-U.S. Innovation Fund Competition

October 21, 2020



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Agenda

2:00	What is the Innovation Fund? <i>Maggie Hug, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State</i>
2:05	Registering for the Innovation Network How do I Apply? Competition Requirements, Eligibility, etc.
2:30	Tips & Strategies for 100K Partnership Development and Program Implementation <i>Kristin Allen, 100K Grant Recipient, Northern Arizona University</i>
2:45	Question & Answer

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100K INNOVATION FUND

The *100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund* is the dynamic **public-private sector partnership** between the U.S. Department of State, Embassies, Partners of the Americas, NAFSA: Association of International Educators, corporations, foundations, and higher education institutions.

The Innovation Fund supports the creation of strategic **partnerships among higher education institutions** in the U.S. and the rest of the Western Hemisphere.



BENEFITS FOR HEIS

CREATE PARTNERSHIPS

Grants stimulate partnerships that strengthen institutional vision to work together to increase student exchange and training in the Americas.



MAXIMIZE VISIBILITY

HEIs collaborate with U.S. Department of State, Embassies, corporations, and foundations to increase awareness and support of the impact of international education.



RECEIVE FUNDING



INCREASE ACCESS

Grants provide new opportunities to more students in multiple academic disciplines to gain knowledge, training, skills – in an international setting.



EXPAND CAPACITY

HEIs work together to implement new, international student/faculty exchange and training programs.





WHERE TO START?

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100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Network Registration



Welcome to the 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Network registration portal, provided by Partners of the Americas. Click below to complete your registration and begin connecting to higher education professionals from across the Americas.



[Click here to register now!](#)

Sign In

SIGN IN



 **Connect**

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Welcome to the 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Network Group Homepage!

Here you can:

- **SEARCH** the Innovation Network to find institutional partners;
- **ENGAGE** in the virtual forum by interacting with colleagues;
- **APPLY** for innovation grants and learn about past winning innovations by visiting the Initiative's public site: www.100kstrongamericas.org/educate;
- **EXPLORE** other tools in this group including the Group Directory, Calendar, Blogs, Forums, and the Photo Gallery, all designed to help you share with, learn from, and connect to new partners.

Have more questions? Visit our [FAQs](#) page or submit your own [here](#).

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HOW TO APPLY



STEP 1: VISIT OUR “GRANTS” PAGE

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OPEN COMPETITIONS

APPLICATION PORTAL

GRANT FAQs

PROPOSAL FORMAT & DESIGN GUIDE

MEET THE WINNERS

Current Open Competitions

****NOTE:** Before applying for an Innovation Fund grant, please ensure that you are registered in the 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Network. If not, [Join the Innovation Network now.](#)

Check back soon for our next open Innovation Fund Competition!

Click below to begin the application process or to send us your questions on the grant competitions.

Read Format Requirements

Apply Now

Questions?

Looking for some inspiration?

[View Past Competitions](#)

STEP 2: CREATE YOUR PROFILE OR LOGIN TO YOUR EXISTING ACCOUNT

[HTTPS://WWW.100KSTRONGAMERICAS.ORG/APPLICATION-PORTAL/](https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/application-portal/)

Login Instructions

For New Users:

By clicking "**Sign Up**", you will be prompted to enter your email address and create a password. Once you have chosen your password, your account will be created and you will gain access to the portal.

For Returning Users:

Sign into the portal using the email address and the password you created when you originally signed up for the portal. If you have forgotten your password, click "**Forgot your password?**" and follow the prompts to reset your password.

Sign In

Email

Password

[Forgot your password?](#)

[Log In](#)

Need an Account?

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Applicant Profile Information

Prefix *

First Name *

Last Name *

Dr.

Innovation

Fund

Job Title/Position *

Department/Unit *

Grant-maker

Partners of the Americas

Work Phone *

Work Email *

202-628-3300

100kstrongamericas@partners.net

Please include the country code.

Name of Higher Education Institution *

Test University *

Please enter official name in original language. Do not translate. If your institution does not appear, type in "Other" and you should see this as an option on the drop-down box. Select "Other" and enter the name in the text box that appears.

Size and Setting *

Type of Higher Education Institution *

ExGP: Exclusively graduate/professional

Private

Based on the Carnegie Classification of Institutions:
http://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/classification_descriptions/size_setting.php

Address Line 1 *

Address Line 2

City *

1424 K Street NW

Suite 700

Washington

STEP 3:

COMPLETE THE REQUIRED TASKS

Test University| -

Order by: Newest to Oldest

Please complete the following tasks. When you have completed all steps, it will no longer state "Action Required." Instead, it will show "Complete".

Grant Application

When all required information is provided and all steps completed, the "Submit" button to the right will turn green, which means that your Application is ready for submission.

The Application will not be completed until you click the "Submit" button.

Warning: Once you click "Submit", your Application will no longer be available for edits.

There are 41 hours remaining to submit this.

Submit

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Application Form

Action Required

Open

To begin or continue with the Application, please click the "Edit" button to the right.

Once you have completed the Application, you may return here to view or print your submission by clicking the "View" button to the right.

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Partner Information Request

Action Required

Open

As part of the Application, you must provide at least one contact person at your partner institution(s), who will be collaborating with you on the implementation of your proposed project. This will be done by sending a request to your contact(s) to complete the required form.

To begin, please click the "Open" button to the right.



APPLICATION FORM

- ☐ Summary of Proposed Program (*75-150 words*)
- ☐ Program Goals/Objectives
- ☐ Program Themes/Areas of Study
- ☐ Partnering Institution(s)
- ☐ # of Participating Students
- ☐ Anticipated Travel/Exchange Timeline
- ☐ Description of Student Credit



Technical Narrative

12 pages max (PDF)

- Cover Page (1 page)
- Table of Contents (1 page)
- Executive Summary
- Program Description
- Sustainability Plan
- Institutional Capacity, Challenges, and Opportunities for Growth
- Monitoring & Evaluation Plan

Budget Summary (Excel)

Budget Narrative (PDF)

Supporting Documents

No page limit (PDF)

- Letters of Support
- CVs of Project Directors
- Additional Attachments



**APPLICATIONS MUST BE
SUBMITTED IN ENGLISH**

CONTACT YOUR PARTNERING INSTITUTION(S)

Partner Information Request

Close

Please use this screen to send and track your request(s) to your partner institution(s).
Click the **" +New Request "** button to begin. [Click here to view a copy of the form that your partner\(s\) must complete.](#)
For questions about this form or process, please contact 100kstrongamericas@partners.net.

The minimum required requests have been sent. Please check back to ensure they have been completed.

Minimum required: 1 Maximum allowed: 100 Show: All + New Request

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THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICATION DEADLINE

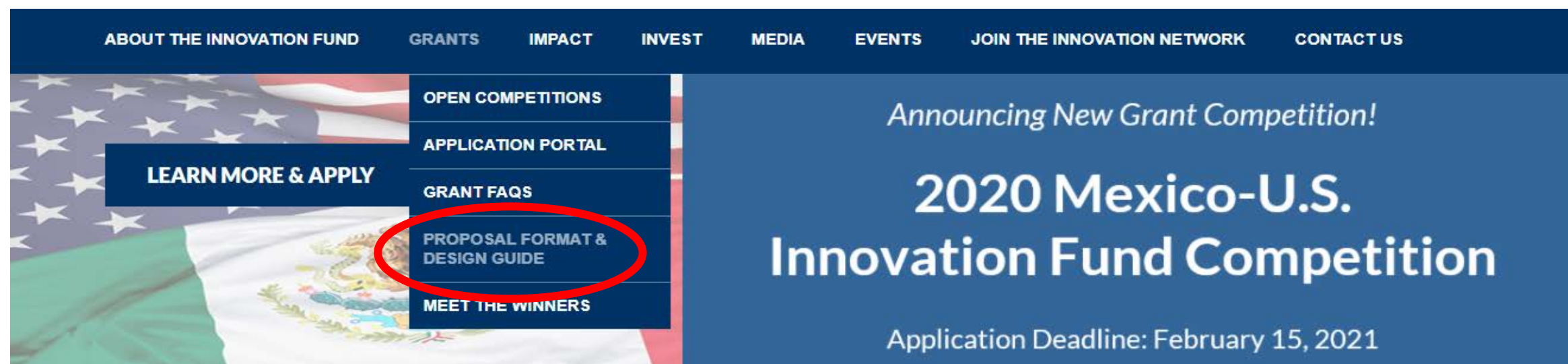
We highly recommend creating your Partner Information Request at least one week prior to the application deadline so that your partner institution has sufficient time to complete the form



MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT PROPOSAL FORMAT & REQUIREMENTS?

You can access the [Application Portal](#) and begin your application at any time

You can also view [Proposal Format & Guidelines](#) on our website





2020 MEXICO-U.S. INNOVATION FUND COMPETITION

REQUIREMENTS, ELIGIBILITY, AND DETAILS

Application Timeline

ACTIVITY	TIME PERIOD
Launch of 100K Grant Competition	September 17, 2020
Close of 100K Grant Competition	February 15, 2021
Proposals Evaluation Process	February 15 – May 31, 2021
Notification of Status of Proposal	May 31, 2021
Award of Grant Funds to Winners	July – August 2021

Period of Performance for 100K Grant Projects
September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022

Eligible Countries & Institutions

All higher education institutions (HEIs) in
Mexico and the United States



All proposed programs must include a team of at least **one (1) HEI in Mexico** + at least **one (1) HEI in the United States**

There is **no limit to the number of institutions that can be involved in the project*

The primary applicant HEI can be from **either the U.S. or Mexico*

Eligible Thematic Areas

- Public Health
- Distance/Virtual Education
- Biochemistry
- Green/Renewable Energy
- Economic Empowerment of Young People
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Sustainable Construction, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

Unsure if your proposed program falls under one of these categories?

The academic fields of study listed here are not a comprehensive list of eligible areas; rather, they serve as recommendations and guidelines. As long as the proposed program falls under one or more of the general themes above and the proposed academic discipline(s) can be sufficiently justified in the proposal, it will be considered eligible.

Additional Requirements & Considerations

☐ Level(s) of Study

Student beneficiaries can be at **any level of post-secondary education** (i.e. undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, etc.)

☐ Student Credit

Students **must** receive some level of credit from their home institution during, or as a result, of the proposed program.

❖ Special Considerations

Special consideration will be given to proposals focused on programs that benefit **underserved or non-traditional student populations** in both countries.

Applicants that seek to target or include underrepresented students must provide a recruitment strategy/plan for reaching these diverse groups.

Student/Faculty Mobility in 100K Grant Programs

☐ Student/Faculty Mobility

Proposed 100K grant activities should include both **virtual** and **in-person** training opportunities and support **sending** and **hosting** students and faculty between the partnering institutions in Mexico and the United States during the 100K grant period.

**Given the ongoing challenges and uncertainties due to the health pandemic, the Innovation Fund understands/encourages grant proposals that allow for both physical and virtual exchange in 100K proposed programs.*

Reminder!

Refer to the RFP

All of the competition information that we just reviewed, and more, is available in the **Request for Proposal (RFP)** for this competition and can also be found at <https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/grants/>.

Download RFP in English

Download RFP in Spanish

Tips & Strategies

100K Partnership Development and Program Implementation

Kristin Allen

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Center for International Education
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Leaders United for Positive Energy (LUPE): A Collaboration among Three Countries of the Americas to Promote Ethical Science and Social Responsibility in the Energy Sector

2018 ExxonMobil Competition for Study Abroad Innovations in Engineering, Physics, Geology, and Geophysics

[Learn more about this project](#)

QUESTIONS?

Please submit questions via the “Q&A” in your Zoom window.

Please note that any questions not addressed in this webinar will be answered in a Question & Answer Report, which will be sent to the email you used to register for this webinar within 3-5 business days.

You can also refer to our [Grant FAQs](#) page for answers to the most commonly asked questions.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Tips & Strategies for Developing and Implementing a 100K Innovation Fund Grant Proposal

Join us for this second set of webinars to hear from the Innovation Fund team about how to develop a competitive proposal. Webinars will also include representatives from past/current grant winning institutions with programs in Mexico who will speak about the lessons learned from implementing their 100K program and provide their tips and strategies for winning a 100K Innovation Fund grant.

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 @ 2:00 PM ET (English)

Thursday, December 10, 2020 @ 2:00 PM ET (Spanish)

Check back soon for registration at <https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/webinars/>

THANK YOU!

For questions or clarifications, contact the Innovation Fund team:

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