Applying for a 100K Innovation Fund Grant

The U.S.-Colombia Grant Competition for 21st Century Higher Education Partnerships

November 17, 2020
Agenda

2:00
What is the Innovation Fund?
Registering for the Innovation Network
How do I Apply?
Competition Requirements, Eligibility, etc.

2:30
Tips & Strategies for 100K Partnership Development and Program Implementation
Sarah Schmidt, 100K Grant Recipient, Kent State University at Stark

2:45
Question & Answer

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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.

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

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.

EXPAND CAPACITY
HEIs work together to implement new, international student/faculty exchange and training programs.
WHERE TO START?

JOIN THE INNOVATION NETWORK

Announcing New Grant Competition!

THE U.S.-COLOMBIA GRANT COMPETITION FOR 21ST CENTURY HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

Application Deadline: March 15, 2021

Visit our website!

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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!
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](http://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](http://www.100kstrongamericas.org).
HOW TO APPLY
STEP 1: VISIT OUR “GRANTS” PAGE

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

https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/application-portal/

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## Innovation Fund Tip!

Create your profile now so that you can see everything that will be required.

### 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.

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Log In

Forgot your password?

### Need an Account?

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STEP 3:
COMPLETE THE REQUIRED TASKS

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

1. **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.

2. **Application Form**
   - 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.

3. **Partner Information Request**
   - 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

Applications must be submitted in English

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

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CONTACT YOUR PARTNERING INSTITUTION(S)

Partner Information Request

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

Partners University    Sent 08/18/2020 11:13am EDT

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.

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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.
THE U.S.-COLOMBIA GRANT COMPETITION FOR 21ST CENTURY HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

1. Application Timeline
2. Available Awards
3. Eligibility
4. Thematic Areas
5. Student/Faculty Mobility
6. Additional Requirements + Considerations
THE U.S.-COLOMBIA GRANT COMPETITION FOR 21ST CENTURY HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

esta convocatoria se realiza con el apoyo del

Instituto Colombiano de Crédito Educativo y Estudios Técnicos en el Exterior, Mariano Ospina Pérez (ICETEX)

U.S. Department of State through the U.S. Embassy in Bogotá
## Application Timeline

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*Please note that these dates are subject to change

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

10 Innovation Fund Grants

$26,175 (USD)

*Pending the review process
ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

All higher education institutions (HEIs) in Colombia and the United States
ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

United States: Higher education institutions (HEIs) located and legally registered in the U.S., including
- Four-year degree-issuing institutions (public and private),
- Community colleges
- Technical/vocational schools
- Other post-secondary institutions with credit-bearing programs.

Colombia: HEIs located and legally registered in Colombia, including
- Accredited institutions
- Non-accredited institutions*
- Universities
- Professional technical institutes
- Research centers
- Other post-secondary institutions.

*Non-accredited HEIs refers to institutions in Colombia that have not undergone the accreditation process or have not met the requirements established by Colombia’s National Accreditation System. The National Accreditation Commission of Colombia is the country’s entity responsible for leading the evaluation process with regards to compliance with the established accreditation procedures.
ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIPS

REQUIRED

Proposals must include a team of at least **one HEI in the U.S.** and at least **one accredited HEI in Colombia.**

*Non-accredited Colombian HEIs are eligible to be a part of the partnership, but they cannot be the prime applicant for the grant.*

PREFERRED

Proposals that include one or more **Historically Black College & University (HBCU)**, **Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)** in the United States, and/or a **non-accredited institution** in Colombia will be found favorable during the evaluation process.
Partnership FAQs

Q: How many institutions can be involved in my proposed project?
A: There is no limit to the number of institutions that can be involved in the project.

Q: Which institution has to submit the application?
A: The primary applicant HEI can be from either the U.S. or Colombia

Q: Can we include a partner institution that is not in the U.S. or Colombia?
A: For this Innovation Fund competition, only institutions in the U.S. and Colombia are eligible to apply and be beneficiaries.

Q: How many proposals can my institution submit?
A: There is no limit to the number of proposals that an institution can submit.

Q: How can I find a partner institution?
A: Stay tuned!
ELIGIBLE THEMATIC AREAS

➢ Convergent Technologies
➢ Oceanography and Hydrobiological Resources
➢ Creative and Cultural Industries
➢ Sustainable Energy
➢ Social Sciences
➢ Life and Health Sciences
➢ Basic Space Science/Astronomy
➢ Biotechnology, Bioeconomics, and Environment
➢ Public Health
➢ Distance/Virtual Education
➢ Sustainable Design, Architecture, and Construction
➢ Economic Empowerment
➢ Sustainable Agriculture
➢ 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 academic credit from their home institution during, or as a result, of the proposed program.

❖ **Special Consideration**
Special consideration will be given to proposals that will benefit underserved students from **diverse socio-economic, racial, and educational backgrounds** in the U.S. and Colombia. For this reason, proposals that include one or more **Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)** and/or **Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs)** in the U.S. will be viewed favorably during the evaluation process.

*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 institution(s) in Colombia 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

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The Peacebuilding in Colombia Collaborative
with Universidad del Rosario

The 2018 Colombia-U.S. Rural Education for Peace Competition
Sponsored by ICETEX and the U.S. Department of State
How can I find a partner institution?

**Innovation Network** [Register today!]
- Use a Forum
- Search the Directory

**Connect with others from this webinar!**

**Contact Us**
[100kstrongamericas@partners.net](mailto:100kstrongamericas@partners.net)
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

feat. 100K Grant Winners

- In-depth look on how to design your Innovation Fund proposal.
- Learn about the evaluation criteria and proposal review process.
- Tips & strategies from the Innovation Fund and grant winners on how to make your proposal stand out.

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 @ 2:00 PM ET (English)
Thursday, December 10, 2020 @ 2:00 PM ET (Spanish)

Register at https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/webinars/
THANK YOU!

For questions or clarifications, contact the Innovation Fund team:

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