

100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund Informational Webinar Tips & Strategies to Develop a 100K Grant Proposal

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Questions & Answers

Will there be a recording sent?

Yes! This webinar recording and all webinar materials are published on our website at <https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/webinars/>.

I noticed that students are required to receive credit, could a certificate work as well?

Unfortunately, it is a non-flexible requirement that students receive academic credit from their home institution.

Please explain more on the matching contribution.

One form of demonstrating commitment is by providing matching resources and support (in-kind, cash contributions, etc.) from your institution, as well as your partners, which contribute to the management & implementation of the program. There is no minimum or maximum percentage required; however, proposals that can match the grant 1:1 are viewed more favorably by the Review Committee. In fact, cost-sharing by winning proposals of previous Innovation Fund competitions have averaged more than 1.5 to 1. Note that if selected for funding, you will be obligated to comply with the budget as stipulated in your proposal. That said, the cost-share should be feasible and practical for your institution and partners.

Applicants are encouraged to:

- *Demonstrate significant cost-share (Recommended: at least 1:1 match)*
- *Cost-share all or most of indirect costs*
- *Provide cost-sharing from your institution, partner institution(s), and/or outside resources like the local government, community, and/or private sector*

To learn more we recommend that you visit our website at <https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/app-format/> and <https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/100k-competition-faqs/>.

I work for a college of Engineering. Would that be an appropriate exchange? Both of our guest speakers are more arts-based.

The panelists' projects are from previous Innovation Fund competitions that had different academic themes. Each Innovation Fund Competition has a unique set of eligible academic areas. To see a full list of eligible academic areas for the two open competitions refer to the RFPs, available at <https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/grants/>.

Is this grant available each year? Would it make sense to start building a partnership now in order to submit an application next year?

The Innovation Fund offers 3-5 competitions a year, but due to the nature of the 100K model, we do not know in advance when the competitions will launch, the academic themes, or the eligible

countries. Make sure you're signed up for our Innovation Network so you can receive updates on new competitions! <https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/join/>.

Does 100k Strong Americas intend to launch a grant with Brazil?

Due to the nature of 100K, we're unable to say what competitions will be launched in the future, but we encourage you to make sure you're signed up for the Innovation Network so you can receive notifications as soon as new competitions open up! We typically open 3-5 competitions a year and it is possible that we will open a competition between the U.S. and Brazil
<https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/join/>.

Is there any preference in terms of the target (whether undergrad or graduate) and in terms of the mobility length (short courses - weeks- vs full semester exchange)? I am asking this because each option limits the number of impacted students due to budget limitations.

There is no restriction, preference, or pre-determined number of student participants or duration of the exchange. There is also no preference in whether students are undergraduate or postgraduate.

Can a "non-accredited institution" in Colombia be a study abroad program in Colombia, even if the parent org is based in the U.S.?

Yes! Proposals must include a team of at least one HEI in the U.S. and at least one accredited HEI in Colombia but non-accredited Colombian HEIs are eligible to be a part of the partnership. Note that they cannot be the prime applicant for the grant. Feel free to refer to the RFP for the U.S.- Colombia competition for more details <https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/grants/>.

The following questions were directed to panelists Mariana Smith (Stockton University) and/or Lynda Carroll (SUNY Broome Community College). For answers to these questions, please refer to the webinar recording.

I would appreciate hearing more from Mariana and Lynda about their sustainability plans and how they have planned to continue the programs that were funded.

Live answered.

What are the ways you find to create sustainability for these programs? What works best for sustaining programs?

Live answered.

What specific costs were covered by the grants?

Live answered.

Did the students who came to the US do so under a J1 visa or an F1, and can we use part of the grant to cover consular expenses?

Live answered.

My challenge is having a large class when a course is 3 credits. How can I select only 10 students to travel?

Live answered.