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# Agenda

3:00	<b>What is the Innovation Fund?</b> <i>Maggie Hug, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State</i>
3:05	<b>Registering for the Innovation Network</b> <b>How do I Apply?</b> <b>Competition Requirements, Eligibility, etc.</b>
3:15	<b>Tips &amp; Strategies for 100K Partnership Development and Program Implementation</b> <i>Dr. Kent Bream, 100K Grant Recipient, University of Pennsylvania</i> <i>Dr. Marta Panero, 100K Grant Recipient, New York Institute of Technology</i>
3:45	<b>Question &amp; Answer</b>

You can submit  
questions at any  
time throughout  
the webinar!

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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.

# WHERE TO START?

## JOIN THE INNOVATION NETWORK



ABOUT THE INNOVATION FUND GRANTS IMPACT INVEST MEDIA EVENTS **JOIN THE INNOVATION NETWORK** CONTACT US

**LEARN MORE & APPLY**

*Announcing New Grant Competition!*

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

Application Deadline: March 15, 2021

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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!](#)

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your portal to the Partners of the Americas network



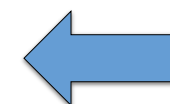
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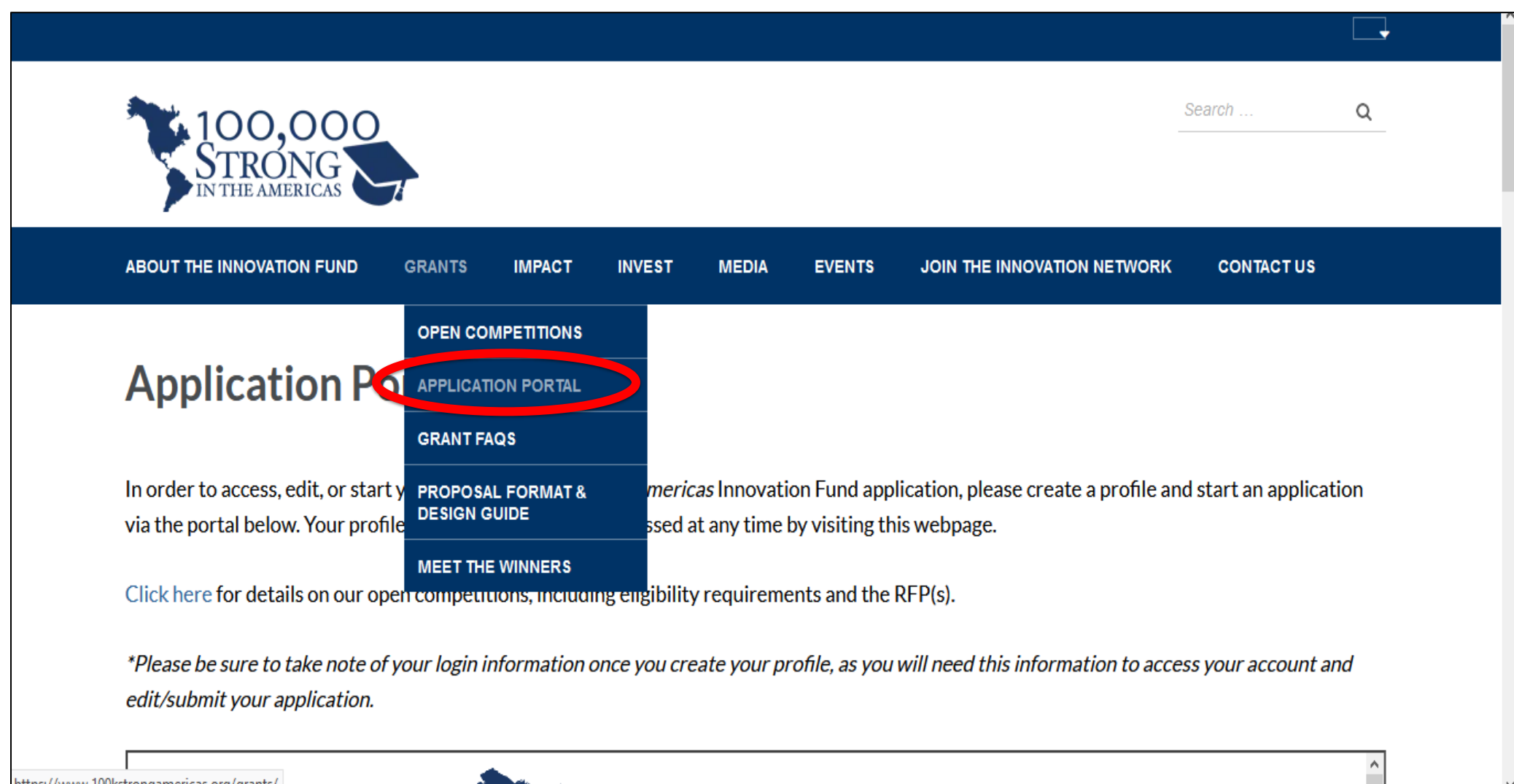
# HOW TO APPLY



# STEP 1:

## VISIT OUR “APPLICATION PORAL” PAGE

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



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

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

### Innovation Fund Tip!

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

#### 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](http://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/classification_descriptions/size_setting.php)

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1424 K Street NW

**Address Line 2**

Suite 700

**City \***

Washington

#### 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**

[Log In](#) [Forgot your password?](#)

#### Need an Account?

[Sign Up](#)

## STEP 3:

# COMPLETE THE REQUIRED TASKS

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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".

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.

There are 41 hours remaining to submit this.

Submit

2

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.

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](mailto: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**

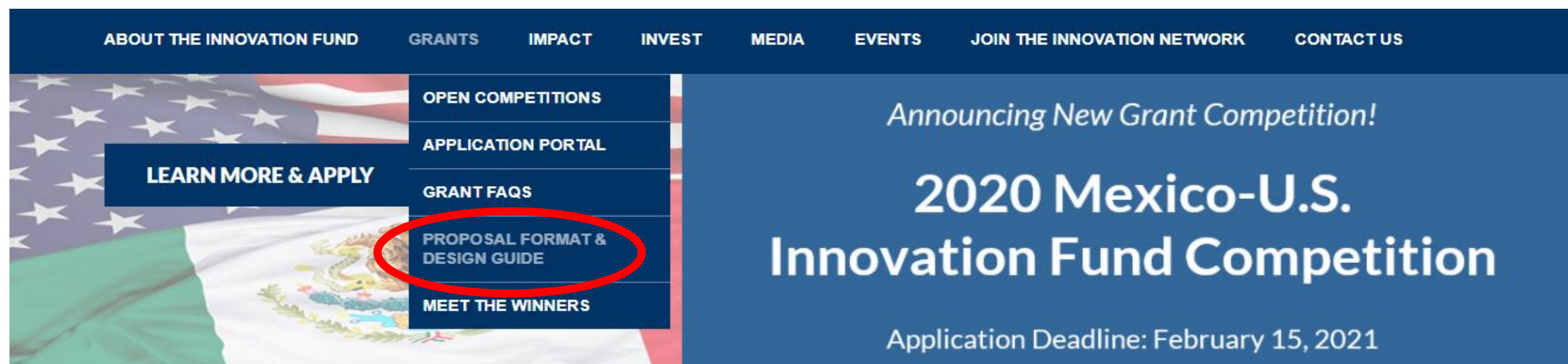
*We highly recommend creating your Partner Information Request at least one week prior to the application deadline so that your partner institution has sufficient time to complete the form*



## 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



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1. Available Awards
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6. Competition Timeline
7. Period of Performance



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U.S. Department of State**

## AVAILABLE AWARDS



12  
Innovation  
Fund Grants



25,000  
(USD)

*\*Pending the review process*

# ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

All higher education institutions (HEIs) in

- **United States**



- **Guatemala**
- **El Salvador**
- **Honduras**
- **Costa Rica**
- **Nicaragua**
- **Panama**
- **Belize**
- **Dominican Republic**





# ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

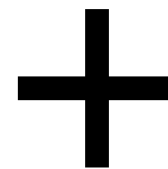


- Four-year degree-issuing institutions (public and private)
- Community colleges
- Technical/vocational schools
- Other post-secondary institutions with credit-bearing programs

# ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIPS

*at least*  
One (1) institution from the **United States**

*at least*  
One (1) institution from



- **Guatemala**
- **El Salvador**
- **Honduras**
- **Costa Rica**
- **Nicaragua**
- **Panama**
- **Belize**
- **Dominican Republic**



# 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 Central America/the Dominican Republic.

**Q: Can we include a partner institution that is not in the U.S. or Central America/the Dominican Republic?**

A: For this Innovation Fund competition, only institutions in the U.S., Central America, and the Dominican Republic 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, however, it is unlikely that a single institution will receive more than one grant award.

**Q: How can I find a partner institution?**

A: Stay tuned!

## ELIGIBLE THEMATIC AREAS

- Environmental and Climate Solutions
- Human Rights & Public Policy
- Health Sciences & Public Health
- Food & Agricultural Sciences
- Education Technology and Distance/Virtual Education
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)
- Bio-Technology
- Business Development
- 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.*

# STUDENT/FACULTY MOBILITY

## In-person/physical student mobility is required

- ❖ Bidirectional is preferred (but not required)
- ❖ No minimum or maximum number of student participants
- ❖ No minimum or maximum length of stay in partner country
- ❖ Hybrid (virtual and in-person)

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).

*\*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.*



# 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 focused on programs that benefit **underserved, non-traditional, and/or diverse student populations**.

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

## COMPETITION TIMELINE

ACTIVITY	TIME PERIOD*
Application Deadline	August 2, 2021 @ 11:59 PM EDT
Notification of Status of Proposal	October 31, 2021
Award of Grant Funds to Winners	November – December 2021

*\*Please note that these dates are subject to change*

## Period of Performance

<b>Grants involving HEIs in</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guatemala</li><li>• El Salvador</li><li>• Honduras</li><li>• Costa Rica</li><li>• Nicaragua</li><li>• Belize</li></ul>	<b>Grants involving HEIs in</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Panama</li><li>• Dominican Republic</li></ul>
January 1 – December 31, 2022	November 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

## 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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with

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# Tips & Strategies

## 100K Partnership Development and Program Implementation

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*Instituto Tecnológico de las Américas* (Dominican Republic)

# QUESTIONS?

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

# How can I find a partner institution?



Click [here](#) to find an EducationUSA Advising Center



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# UPCOMING WEBINARS

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

- Detailed overview of how to develop a competitive proposal
  - Evaluation criteria
- Tips & strategies from the Innovation Fund team & 100K grant winners

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# THANK YOU!

For questions or clarifications, contact the Innovation Fund team:

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