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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

Visit our website!
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!
HOW TO APPLY
STEP 1: VISIT OUR “APPLICATION PORAL” PAGE

HTTPS://WWW.100KSTRONGAMERICAS.ORG/APPLICATION-PORTAL/
STEP 2:
CREATE YOUR PROFILE OR
LOGIN TO YOUR EXISTING ACCOUNT

HTTPS://WWW.100KSTRONGAMERICAS.ORG/APPLICATION-PORTAL/

Innovation Fund Tip!

Create your profile now so that you can see everything that will be required.
STEP 3: COMPLETE THE REQUIRED TASKS

Test University

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

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

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.
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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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

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| 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
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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.
How can I find a partner institution?

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

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- Use a Forum
- Search the Directory

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**Contact Us**
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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

Join the Innovation Network to stay up to date and receive information on dates and registration

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THANK YOU!

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