Tips & Strategies for Developing Your Innovation Fund Grant Proposal

THE 2021 INNOVATION FUND GRANT COMPETITION TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
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Application Deadline: August 2, 2021 at 11:59 PM ET

Learn more and read the Request for Proposals (RFP) at https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/grants/
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12 Innovation Fund Grants

$25,000 (USD)
ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

All higher education institutions (HEIs) in

- United States
- Guatemala
- El Salvador
- Honduras
- Costa Rica
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Belize
- Dominican Republic
How can I find a partner institution?

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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. 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.

Read the RFP for a more comprehensive list of academic areas.
EVALUATION CRITERIA

Technical Proposal (80%)
- Cover Page (1 page)
- Table of Contents (1 page)
- Executive Summary & Program Description 40%
- Sustainability Plan 15%
- Institutional Capacity 15%
- Monitoring & Evaluation Plan 10%

Cost Proposal (20%)
- Budget Summary 15%
- Budget Narrative 5%

Supporting Documents
- CVs/Resumes
- Letters of Support

Program Description 40%
Budget and Budget Narrative 20%
M&E Plan 10%
Institutional Capacity 15%
Sustainability Plan 15%

All applications and supporting documents must be submitted in English.

More info at Proposal Format & Design Guidelines
PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

- **Executive Summary & Program Description**: Have I clearly defined program goals, objectives, student learning objectives, and activities? Have I justified the need for the program? Have I provided a clear program timeline?

- **Sustainability Plan**: What will the grant allow us to do that we could not do before? How will we continue to implement the program after the grant?

- **Institutional Capacity, Challenges & Opportunities**: What are my [and/or my partner] institution’s current challenges & opportunities to student exchanges? Capacity to administer the program?

- **Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Plan**: How will I evaluate the program’s progress and student learning? Track the outcomes and outputs?

- **Budget Summary + Narrative**: Is the budget detailed yet clear and easy to comprehend? Are the Items relevant to the program? Funding sources identified?
FINAL INNOVATION FUND TIPS

- Use provided 100K templates
  - M&E Plan
  - Budget Summary

- Refer to proposal samples
  - Complete proposal
  - Budget Narrative

- Make sure all proposal documents are in English

- Don’t wait!
  - Begin your proposal & create your profile as soon as possible
    [https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/application](https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/application)

When in doubt, refer to our website & the RFP

- Proposal Format & Design Guidelines
- Grant FAQs
- Competition RFP

Available at
[https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/app-format/](https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/app-format/)
PAST INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS
(English & español)

Applying for a 100K Innovation Fund Grant
• Competition eligibility & requirements
• Tips & strategies on how to develop your proposal team and identify the right institutional partners
• An overview of the application portal and highlight other important considerations in the submission process

Tips & Strategies for Developing a 100K Innovation Fund Grant Proposal
• Specific requirements to consider for your proposal
• Evaluation criteria of each proposal section
• Tips & strategies for developing a competitive 100K proposal

Watch webinar recordings and access all webinar materials at
https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/events/webinars/