Question & Answer Report

Webinar: Tips & Strategies for Developing Your Grant Proposal for the 2021 U.S.-Brazil Innovation Fund Grant Competition

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U.S. Institutions

1. **Is there a list of eligible U.S. higher education institutions and contacts?**
    All higher education institutions located and legally registered in the U.S. are eligible to apply/participate, including four-year degree-issuing institutions (public and private); community colleges; Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs), including Historically Black College & Universities (HBCUs) and Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs); technical/vocational schools; and other post-secondary institutions with credit-bearing programs.

    We encourage you to join the *100,000 Strong in the Americas* Innovation Network. Create an account here for free and access the member directory of 4,000+ members! Also, take advantage of the EducationUSA network in Brazil, which can Brazil and U.S. institutions connect with each other.

SENAI Institutions

1. **Are SENAI Technological Institutes eligible to apply/participate as well?**
    No, SENAI Technological Institutions are not eligible to apply or participate as a partner institution. Only SENAI Innovation Institutes and/or Higher Education Schools are eligible.

2. **Who is the main point of contact at SENAI? If I want to find a SENAI Innovation Institute, is there a sector/person I can contact?**
    Please send an email to partners.senai@senaicni.com.br to receive information and support in partnering with eligible SENAI institutions. You can also find a list of SENAI Innovation Institutes and contact information at http://institutos.senai.br.

Budget

1. Can the grant funds only be used for students (travel, etc.) or it is possible to include necessary tools/materials/software for the product development as well as educator/researcher expenses (e.g., travel)?
   There are no limitations on how the grant funds can/cannot be spent, so long as the expenses are reasonable and justifiable for the purposes of the proposed project. For more information and tips on building your proposed budget, please visit https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/100k-competition-faqs/ and https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/app-format/.

2. Any advice on the type of cost-sharing that can be implemented by SENAI institutions? Cost sharing is pretty common at universities, but in the case of SENAI, it is a bit unclear.
   Cost-sharing by SENAI would be similar as universities in that staff time, use of equipment/facilities, and other resources may be contributed. For clarifications or questions on cost-share recommendations specifically for SENAI, please contact partners.senai@senaicni.com.br.