

Thank you for joining!
We will begin momentarily

**APPLYING FOR A *100,000 STRONG IN THE AMERICAS*
INNOVATION FUND GRANT**

THE 2022 U.S.-ANDEAN INNOVATION FUND COMPETITION

MAY 24, 2022



A COUPLE NOTES

- **Recording & materials available within 3-5 business days**
 - On our website + follow-up email
- **Submit questions via the “Q&A” box in the Zoom window**
- **List of attendees from today’s webinar**



AGENDA

How to Apply + Competition Eligibility & Requirements

Laura Cossette

Senior Program Officer
Partners of the Americas

Tips & Strategies from a 100K Grant Recipient

Dr. Esteban Garcia Bravo

Associate Professor
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Purdue University

Question & Answer

You can submit questions at any time throughout the webinar via the Q&A box!

100K INNOVATION FUND HIGHLIGHTS

2013-2022



278 grants awarded to teams of **534** HEIs



25 countries and **49** U.S. states



Almost 10,000 students and counting



Over **1,000** grant proposals submitted (since 2014)



2,300 HEIs in Innovation Network -- and counting

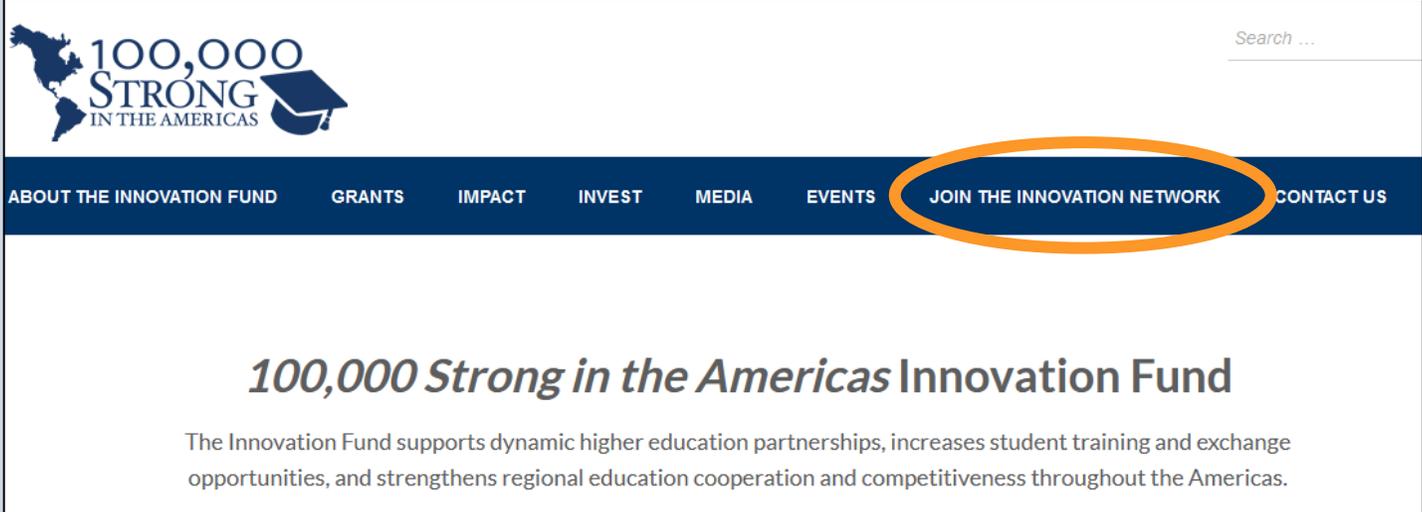


over **\$13** million from public / private sectors to support the Innovation Fund since **2013**

WHERE TO START?

JOIN THE INNOVATION NETWORK

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STRONG
IN THE AMERICAS 

Search ...

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

100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund

The Innovation Fund supports dynamic higher education partnerships, increases student training and exchange opportunities, and strengthens regional education cooperation and competitiveness throughout the Americas.



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higher education
institutions across the
Western Hemisphere



Receive news &
updates about
competitions,
conferences,
webinars, and more

HOW TO APPLY



STEP 1: ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL

WWW.100KSTRONGAMERICAS.ORG/APPLICATION-PORTAL/



The screenshot shows the website for 100,000 Strong in the Americas. At the top left is the logo featuring a map of the Americas and the text "100,000 STRONG IN THE AMERICAS" with a graduation cap icon. To the right is a search bar with the text "Search ...". Below the logo is a dark blue navigation bar with white text for "ABOUT THE INNOVATION FUND", "GRANTS", "IMPACT", "INVEST", "MEDIA", "EVENTS", "JOIN THE INNOVATION NETWORK", and "CONTACT US". A vertical menu is open under "GRANTS", listing "OPEN COMPETITIONS", "APPLICATION PORTAL" (circled in yellow), "PROPOSAL FORMAT & DESIGN GUIDE", "GRANT FAQs", "MEET THE WINNERS", and "PAST GRANT COMPETITIONS". The main content area features the heading "100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund" and introductory text: "The Innovation Fund is the leading hemispheric-wide initiative supported by the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Embassies, and Partners of the Americas in partnership with visionary companies, foundations, and education institutions working to strengthen collaboration among governments, business, and education cooperation and competitiveness throughout the Americas."

STEP 2: CREATE A PROFILE

OR LOGIN TO EXISTING ACCOUNT

Applicant Profile Information

Prefix *	First Name *	Last Name *
<input type="text" value="Dr."/>	<input type="text" value="Innovation"/>	<input type="text" value="Fund"/>

Job Title/Position *	Department/Unit *
<input type="text" value="Grant-maker"/>	<input type="text" value="Partners of the Americas"/>

Work Phone *	Work Email *
<input type="text" value="202-628-3300"/>	<input type="text" value="100kstrongamericas@partners.net"/>

Please include the country code.

Name of Higher Education Institution *

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 *
<input type="text" value="ExGP: Exclusively graduate/professional"/>	<input type="text" value="Private"/>

Based on the Carnegie Classification of Institutions:

http://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/classification_descriptions/size_setting.php

Address Line 1 *

Address Line 2

City *



ACCOUNT EMAIL ADDRESS



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Please include the country code.

- Account can only be accessed via this email address
- All communications will be sent to this email address
 - *Make sure it's closely monitored!*

STEP 3: COMPLETE 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".

▣ 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.

There are 41 hours remaining to submit this.

Submit

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.

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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.

2

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.



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APPLICATION FORM

Summary of Proposed Program

Program Goal & Objectives

Program Themes/Areas of Study

Partnering Institution(s)

of Students Traveling

Anticipated Travel Timeline

Description of Student Credit

PROPOSAL CONTENT

DOCUMENT UPLOADS



Applications & all materials
must be submitted in English

Technical Narrative (PDF)

- Cover Page
- Table of Contents
- Executive Summary
- Program Description
- Sustainability Plan
- Institutional Capacity, Challenges, and Opportunities for Growth
- Monitoring & Evaluation Plan

Budget Summary (Excel)

Budget Narrative (PDF)

Letters of Support (PDF)

CVs/Resumes of Project Directors (PDF)

(Optional) Additional Supporting Documents (PDF)

PARTNER INSTITUTION(S) INFORMATION

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.

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

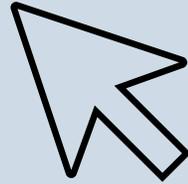
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This form is part of the application and must be completed by the deadline!

We highly recommend that you send the Partner Information Request(s) at least one week before the deadline, so that your partner institution(s) has/have sufficient time to complete the form.

**MORE
QUESTIONS
ABOUT
PROPOSAL
COMPONENTS
AND
GUIDELINES?**



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the U.S. Department
of State

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REVISED Version of Request for Proposals
with new requirements for U.S.-Colombia Programs

Please make sure you are using this revised version

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ELIGIBILITY



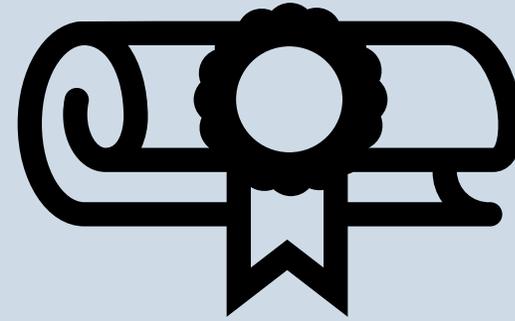
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ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

THE UNITED STATES
COLOMBIA
PERU
ECUADOR
BOLIVIA



ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS



Higher Education Institutions
(HEIs) located and legally
registered in the United States,
Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, and
Bolivia



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ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIPS

U.S.-Colombia

At least 1 U.S. HEI

At least 1
Colombian HEI

OR

U.S.-Peru, Ecuador, and/or Bolivia

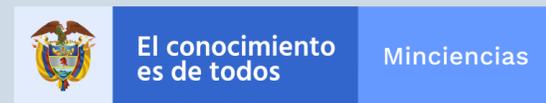
At least 1 U.S. HEI

At least 1 Peruvian/
Ecuadorian/
Bolivian HEI

ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIPS

Proposals cannot include HEIs from Colombia *with* Peru, Ecuador, or Bolivia.

Proposals can only include HEI partnerships between the United States and Colombia **or** between the United States and Peru, Ecuador, and/or Bolivia.



AVAILABLE AWARDS



U.S.-COLOMBIA PROGRAMS

9 AWARDS OF UP TO \$34,034 USD

U.S.-PERU, ECUADOR, AND/OR BOLIVIA PROGRAMS

9 AWARDS OF UP TO \$36,100 USD

**Pending the review process*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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 the Andean country.

Q: Can we include a partner HEI that is not in the U.S., Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, or Bolivia?

A: For this Innovation Fund competition, only institutions in the listed countries 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 in a single grant competition.

Q: How can I find a partner institution?

A: Stay tuned!



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ELIGIBLE THEMATIC AREAS

*Refer to the Request for
Proposals (RFP)
for more details*

U.S.-COLOMBIA

- Sustainable Energy
- Convergent Technologies – Industry 4.0
- Biotechnology, Environment, Bio-economics
- Oceanography and Hydrobiology
- Social Sciences and human development with a focus on equity
- Life and Health Sciences
- Basic and Space Sciences
- Creative and Cultural Industries
- Environment and Climate Solutions
- Public Health
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
- Human Rights and Public Policy
- Education Technology
- Food and Agricultural Sciences
- Economic Development

U.S.-PERU/ECUADOR/BOLIVIA

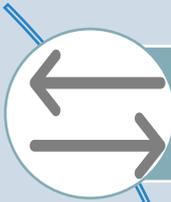
- Green Economy
- Environment, Climate Action, and Energy Transition
- Digital Transformation
- Gender, Inclusion & Diversity
- Regional Integration
- Public Health
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
- Human Rights and Public Policy
- Education Technology
- Food and Agricultural Sciences
- Economic Development

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS & CONSIDERATIONS



IN-PERSON STUDENT MOBILITY

In-person student mobility is required in at least one direction



Bi-directional preferred, but not required.



U.S.-Peru/Ecuador/Bolivia Programs: No minimum/maximum number of students



U.S.-Colombia Programs: Minimum 4 Colombian students + minimum 1 U.S. student



U.S.-Peru/Ecuador/Bolivia Programs: No minimum/maximum duration of stay



U.S.-Colombia Programs: One academic semester and minimum 3 months for Colombian students

**Given the ongoing challenges & uncertainties due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we understand/encourage proposals that allow for both physical and virtual exchange.*



Level of Study

Students can be at any level of post-secondary education.

- ✓ Undergraduate
- ✓ Graduate
- ✓ Doctoral



Student Credit

Students must receive some level of academic credit from their home institution during or as a result of the proposed program.



Diverse Students

Special consideration will be given to proposals focused on programs that benefit underserved, non-traditional, and/or diverse student populations.

**ADDITIONAL
STUDENT
REQUIREMENTS
FOR U.S.-
COLOMBIA
PROGRAMS**



**Refer to the Request for
Proposals (RFP) for details on
student participant requirements**

U.S.-Colombia programs ONLY

COMPETITION TIMELINE

ACTIVITY	TIME PERIOD*
APPLICATION DEADLINE	AUGUST 28, 2022 @ 11:59 PM ET
NOTIFICATION OF STATUS OF PROPOSAL	LATE NOVEMBER 2022
AWARD OF GRANT FUNDS TO WINNERS	NOVEMBER 2022 – FEBRUARY 2023
PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE	
FEBRUARY 1, 2023 – MAY 31, 2024	

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

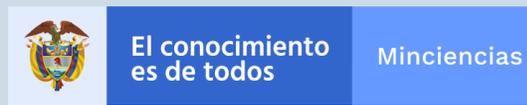


**WHERE CAN I
FIND ALL THIS
INFORMATION?**



Request for Proposals

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HOW CAN I FIND A PARTNER INSTITUTION?



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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

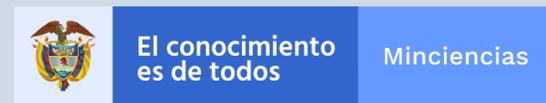


QUESTIONS?

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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.



THANK YOU!

For questions or clarifications, contact the Innovation Fund team:

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