Thank you for joining! We will begin momentarily.

TIPS & STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPING A 100,000 STRONG IN THE AMERICAS INNOVATION FUND GRANT PROPOSAL

THE 2022 U.S.-ANDEAN INNOVATION FUND COMPETITION

JUNE 22, 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
  • Please don’t use the “Chat” to submit questions
• List of attendees from today’s (and May’s) webinar(s)
How to Apply
Competition Eligibility & Requirements
Proposal Evaluation Criteria & Tips and Strategies
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Senior Program Officer
Partners of the Americas

Tips & Strategies from a 100K Grant Recipient
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Associate Professor
Department of Chemistry
University of Central Florida

Question & Answer
### 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**
JOIN THE INNOVATION NETWORK

WWW.100KSTRONGAMERICAS.ORG/JOIN/

WHERE TO START?

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.

Connect with 2,300+ higher education institutions across the Western Hemisphere

Receive news & updates about competitions, conferences, webinars, and more
STEP 1: ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL

WWW.100KSTRONGAMERICAS.ORG/APPLICATION-PORTAL/
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Based on the Carnegie Classification of Institutions:
http://carnegieclassifications.uiuc.edu/classification_descriptions/size_setting.php

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➢ All communications will be sent to this email address
➢ Make sure it’s closely monitored!
STEP 3: COMPLETE 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.**

   **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.

   **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.
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ATTENTION

REVISED Version of Request for Proposals
published on June 2, 2022

Please make sure you are using this revised version

https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/grants/
ELIGIBILITY
ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

THE UNITED STATES
COLOMBIA
PERU
ECUADOR
BOLIVIA
Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) located and legally registered in the United States, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, and 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
Please refer to Request for Proposals
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS & CONSIDERATIONS
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.
# Competition Timeline

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<td>Application Deadline</td>
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<td>Notification of Status of Proposal</td>
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<td>Award of Grant Funds to Winners</td>
<td>November 2022 – February 2023</td>
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**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

https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/grants/
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

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

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (80%)
• Cover Page (1 page)
• Table of Contents (1 page)
• Executive Summary & Program Description (40%)
• Sustainability Plan (15%)
• Institutional Capacity, Challenges, and Opportunities for Growth (10%)
• Monitoring & Evaluation Plan (15%)

COST PROPOSAL (20%)
• Budget Summary (15%)
• Budget Narrative (5%)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
• CVs/Resumes
• Letters of Support

All application materials must be submitted in English.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- Program goals and objectives
  - Including student learning goals
- Detailed description of student activities
  - Including proposed timeline
- Need for program explained/justified
- Defined number of students
- Student credit

*Make sure reviewers are not left with any questions about the design and purpose of your proposal*
Concrete plans/actions
How will you secure “buy-in” and support from your and your partnering institutions to continue the program after the year of funding?
Highlight financial commitments from institutions, community partners, etc.
How will you receive additional funding?

How will your proposed program continue after the initial year of 100K funding?
INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY, CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

10%

- Demonstrate capacity to administer study abroad programs
- Clear awareness of institutional challenges & plans to overcome/address challenges
- Opportunities that may arise from challenges

For ALL involved institutions

REQUIRED: Letters of Support + Resumes/CVs of Primary Investigators

Letters of Support
- Your institution
- Your partnering institution(s)
- Any other involved organizations
**Why does 100K require all proposal documents to be submitted in English?**

Not all of our reviewers speak Spanish/Portuguese

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- Addresses **all three components** of the section for **all involved institutions**

- Strong **Letters of Support**
  - **All involved institutions**
  - **Provided in English**

- **Does not** address all three components of the section

- **Does not** provide Letters of Support from all involved institutions

- Provides Letters of Support in language other than English
MONITORING & EVALUATION PLAN 15%

- **What?**
  - Target goals, benchmarks/indicators of progress, etc.

- **How?**
  - How will indicators be measured

- **When/How often?**
  - i.e. baseline, throughout, post-award, etc.

- **Who?**
  - Who will be responsible for collecting data?

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SMART Goals & Objectives

- **S**pecific
- **M**easurable
- **A**chievable
- **R**ealistic
- **T**imely

*100K M&E Template Provided
Download at [https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/app-format/](https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/app-format/)
BUDGET SUMMARY (15%)

Overall clarity (5%)
- Use the 100K template
- Ensure all calculations are correct
- Provide costs in USD $
- Be as specific as possible

Indirect Costs (5%)
Indirect/administrative costs (Maximum recommended of indirect costs charged to grant is 20%).

*The lower the indirect costs the better
*Recommend to cost-share indirect costs

Cost-Share (5%)
- Recommended at least 1:1 match (1.5+:1 preferred)
- Cost-sharing from your institution, partner institution(s), and/or outside resources

Examples:
- Personnel/staff time or consultants
- Equipment rental/use
- Student scholarships/stipends provided by the institution/partners/outside resources
- Indirect costs

Note: Expenses covered by students do not count as cost-share.
BUDGET NARRATIVE (5%)

- Explain and justify items/activities listed in summary
- Provide cost estimation breakdowns
- How did you calculate the estimate?
- Be as specific as possible

How do I know what costs are allowable?
https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/app-format/
https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/100k-competition-faqs/
RESOURCES

✓ Past Informational Webinars
✓ Request for Proposals
✓ Sample 100K Proposal
✓ M&E Template
✓ Budget Summary Template
Please submit questions via the “Q&A” box in your Zoom window.

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:

100kstrongamericas@partners.net