

Question & Answer Report

100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund Informational Webinar

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Applying for a 100K Grant

1. Should the account be created by the PI/Professor of the HEI or by a student leader?

Both the Innovation Network account and the account to submit the application should be created by the PI/professor of the proposal.

Grant Competition Eligibility & Institutional Partnerships

1. Can one institution submit more than one proposal?

Yes, institutions may submit multiple proposals. Applications must indicate the school, college, or department within the institution as the applying entity in the proposal cover page. Due to limited available funding, however, it is unlikely that multiple awards will be given to the same institution under a single RFP even if submitted from different schools. An institution overall can also be involved in proposed activities for multiple proposals within the same RFP as a partner.

2. Can the funding go to a different institution than the PI institution?

No, the funds cannot go to a different institution than the PI institution (the institution that submits the proposal).

Project Design & Mobility

1. For Ecuador, Peru and USA there is not a minimum of participants, but are there any requirements for the students who are going to be part of the project? For example, could students who are in the last level of their semesters be part of this program?

For projects between the U.S. and Peru, Ecuador and/or Bolivia the only requirement for students is that they must be at the post-secondary level. They can be in any semester of their post-secondary academic studies.

2. Is it possible to submit a grant involving Ecuador and Colombia together?

For this Innovation Fund competition, it is not possible to submit grants that include both Ecuador and Colombia. Any proposals involving Colombia cannot include the other eligible countries.

3. I understand that the first thing we have to do is to get the acceptance letters from the involved universities, is there any recommendations to get that? Do you have any format or it a simple letter?

The Letters of Support from your partnering institution(s) and/or organizations do not need to be in any specific format, except that they should be on official letterhead. For examples of Letters of Support, please refer to the sample 100K proposal we have available for download at <https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/app-format/>.

Budget/Finances

1. Our institution has a federally negotiated indirect cost rate, could we include the full rate as cost-share?

Yes, you can include the indirect cost rate as cost-share. In fact, we recommend this!