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We will begin momentarily*

## **LIVE Q&A WEBINAR**

THE 2022 U.S.-ANDEAN INNOVATION FUND COMPETITION

JULY 26, 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



# AGENDA

## **What is the 100K Innovation Fund?**

**Maggie Hug**

Director of Regional Education Initiatives

Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs at U.S. Department of State

## **Finding a Partner Institution**

**Claudia Soliz**

EducationUSA Adviser (La Paz, Bolivia)

## **How to Apply**

**Competition Eligibility & Requirements**

**Proposal Evaluation Criteria**

**Laura Cossette**

Senior Program Officer

Partners of the Americas

## **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**

# EDUCATION USA

CLAUDIA SOLIZ

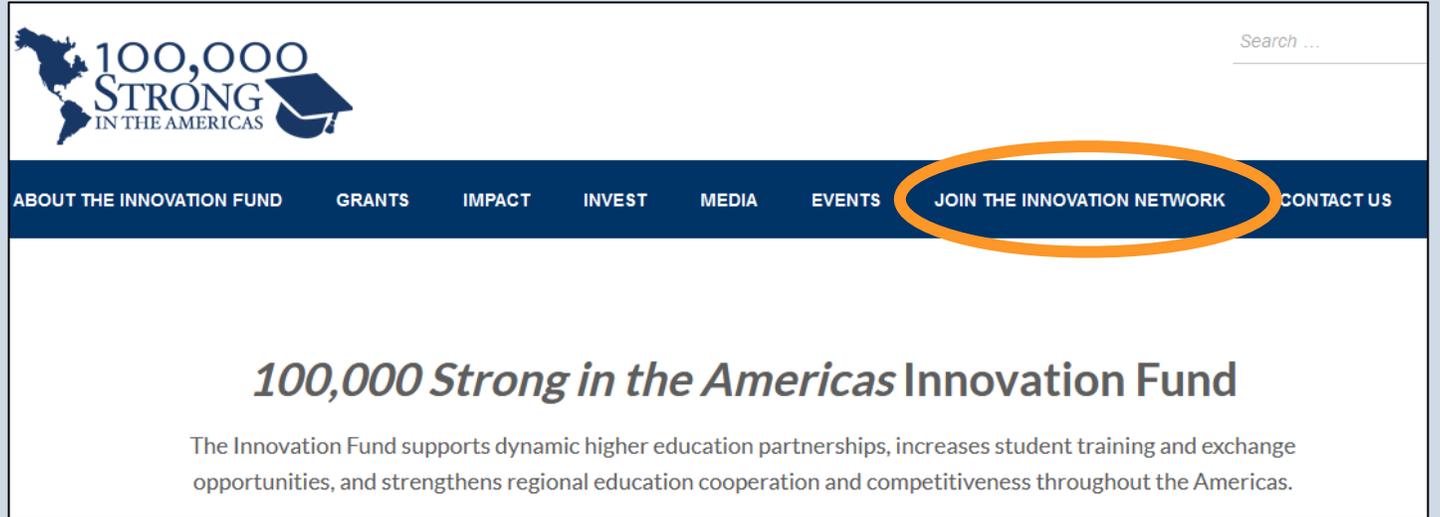
EDUSA ADVISER (LA PAZ, BOLIVIA)



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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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institutions across the  
Western Hemisphere



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webinars, and more

# HOW TO APPLY



# STEP 1: ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL

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The screenshot shows the website for the 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund. At the top left is the logo, which includes a map of the Americas and the text "100,000 STRONG IN THE AMERICAS" with a graduation cap icon. To the right of the logo is a search bar with the text "Search ...". Below the logo and search bar is a dark blue navigation bar with white text for the following menu items: "ABOUT THE INNOVATION FUND", "GRANTS", "IMPACT", "INVEST", "MEDIA", "EVENTS", "JOIN THE INNOVATION NETWORK", and "CONTACT US". A vertical dark blue sidebar menu is positioned in the center of the page, containing the following items: "OPEN COMPETITIONS", "APPLICATION PORTAL" (which is circled in yellow), "PROPOSAL FORMAT & DESIGN GUIDE", "GRANT FAQs", "MEET THE WINNERS", and "PAST GRANT COMPETITIONS". The main content area on the right features the heading "the Americas Innovation Fund" and several paragraphs of text describing the fund's mission and goals.

# STEP 2: CREATE A PROFILE

*OR LOGIN TO EXISTING ACCOUNT*

## Applicant Profile Information

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

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<input type="text" value="Grant-maker"/>	<input type="text" value="Partners of the Americas"/>

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

Please include the country code.

<b>Name of Higher Education Institution *</b>
<input type="text" value="Test University"/>

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.

<b>Size and Setting *</b>	<b>Type of Higher Education Institution *</b>
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Based on the Carnegie Classification of Institutions:

[http://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/classification\\_descriptions/size\\_setting.php](http://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/classification_descriptions/size_setting.php)

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# STEP 3: COMPLETE REQUIRED TASKS

## Test University| -

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](mailto: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

Partners University

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View

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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.*

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# ELIGIBILITY



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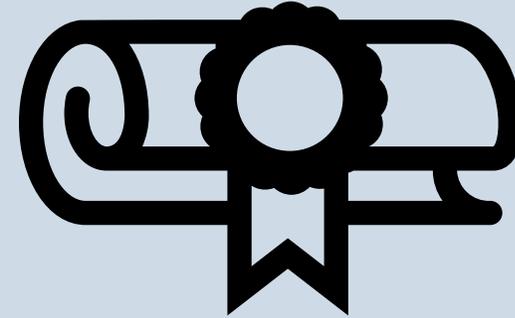
# ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

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THE UNITED STATES  
COLOMBIA  
PERU  
ECUADOR  
BOLIVIA



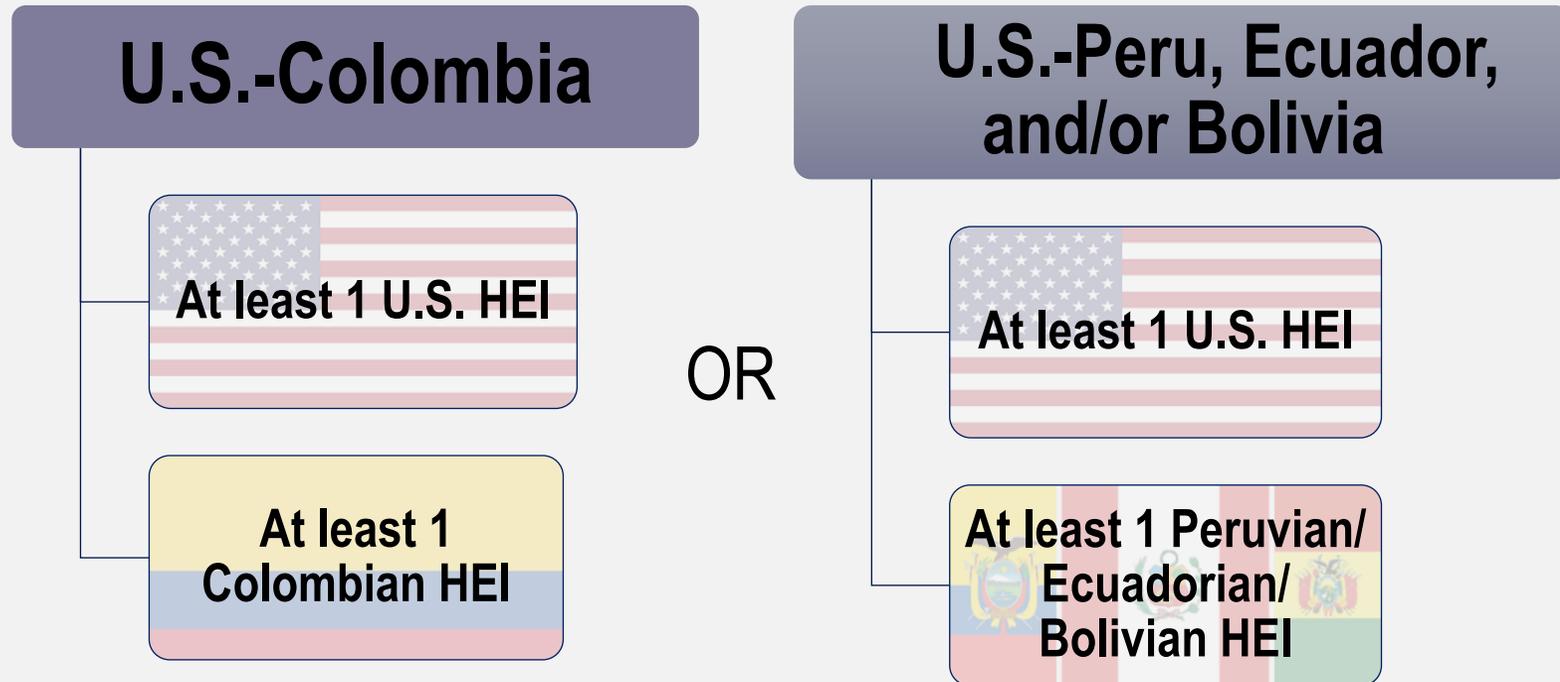
# ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS



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



# ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIPS



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

# 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.



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# 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*

# ELIGIBLE THEMATIC AREAS

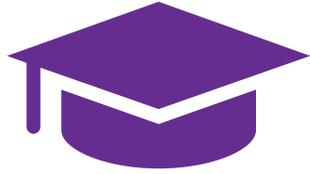
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# ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS & CONSIDERATIONS





## 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.

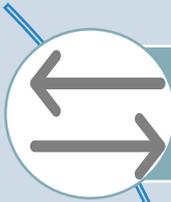


## Diverse Students

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

# 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.*

# 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**



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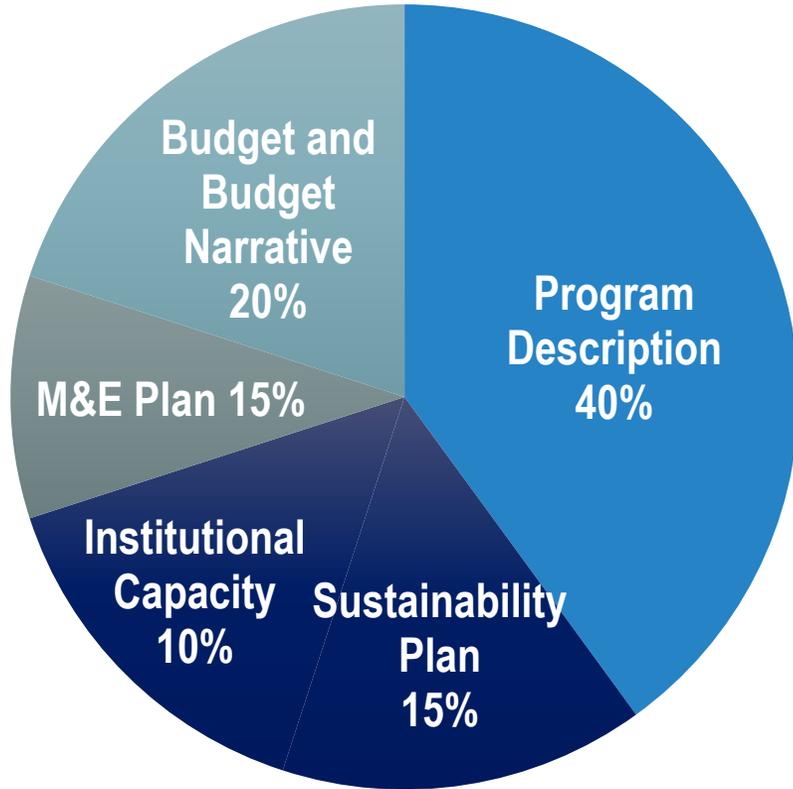
# COMPETITION TIMELINE

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

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



# EVALUATION CRITERIA



## TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (80%)

10 pages max

- 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%)

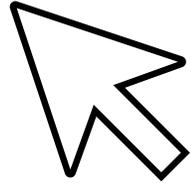
- Budget Summary (15%)
- Budget Narrative (5%)

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- CVs/Resumes
- Letters of Support

*All application materials must be submitted in English*

# HELPFUL RESOURCES



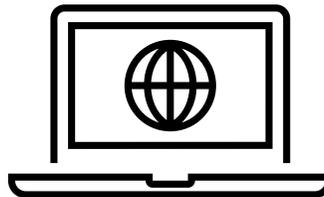
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# PAST INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS *(ENGLISH & ESPAÑOL)*

## 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

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*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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