

*Thank you for joining!*  
*We will begin momentarily*

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

THE 2022 CACAO FOR PEACE INNOVATION FUND GRANT COMPETITION TO BUILD  
PARTNERSHIPS AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND COLOMBIA

OCTOBER 5, 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**

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## **Tips & Strategies from a 100K Grant Recipient**

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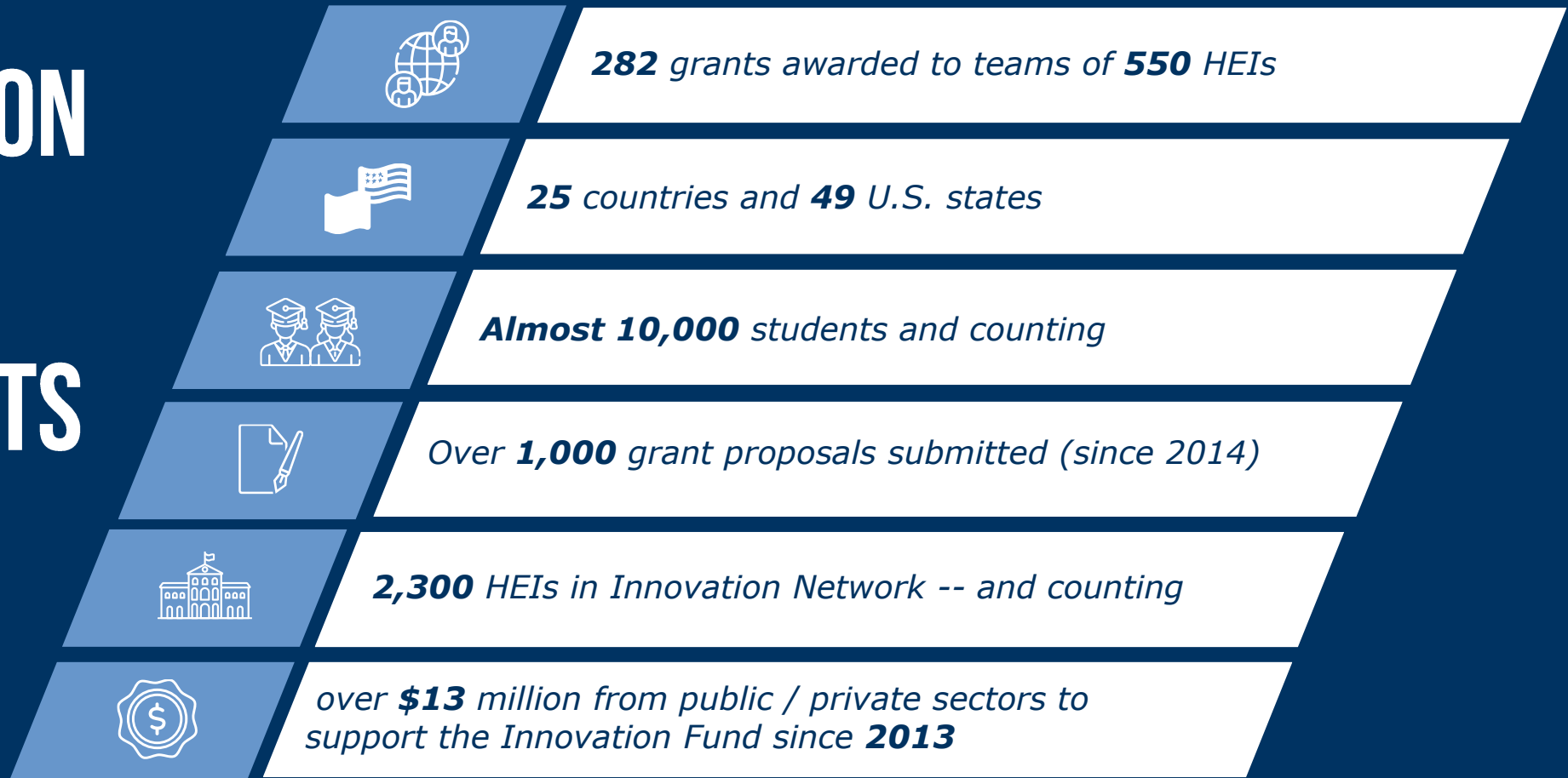
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## **Question & Answer**

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

# 100K INNOVATION FUND HIGHLIGHTS

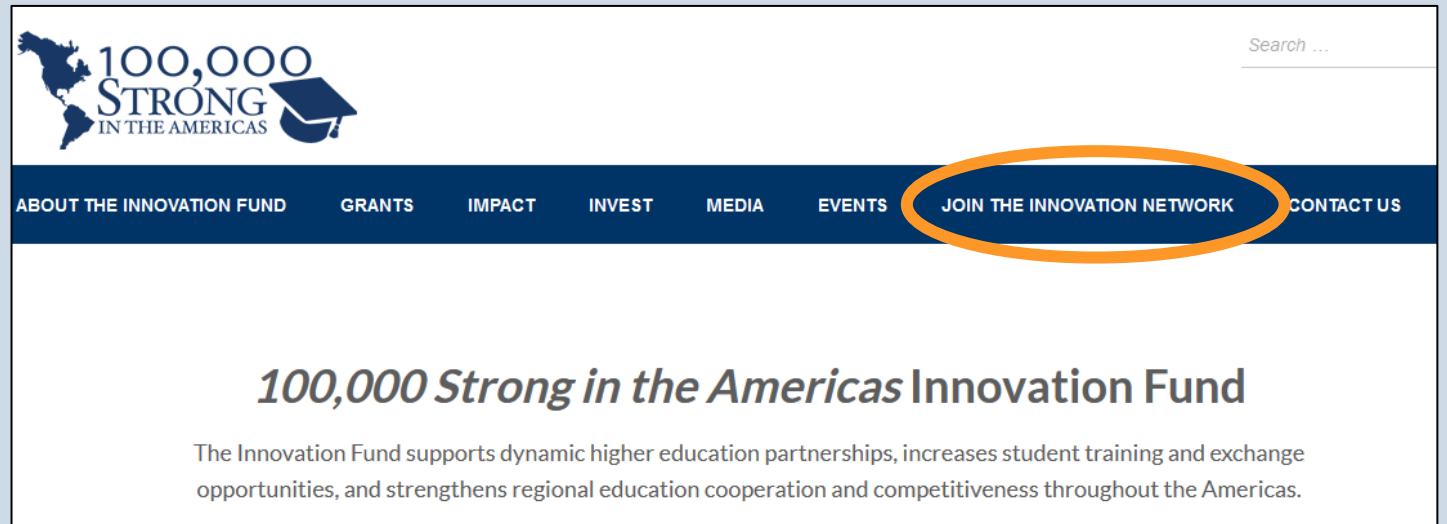
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# WHERE TO START?

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institutions across the  
Western Hemisphere



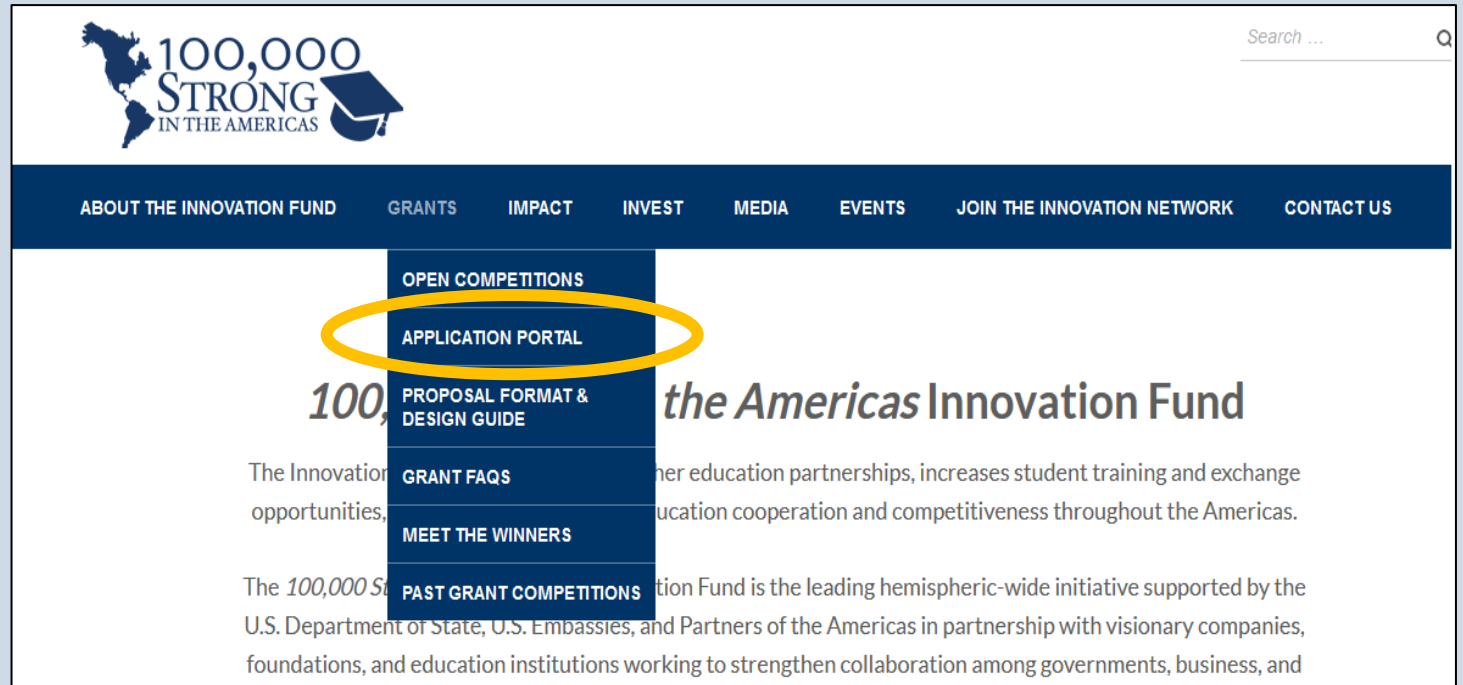
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competitions,  
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# HOW TO APPLY



# STEP 1: ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL

[WWW.100KSTRONGAMERICAS.ORG/APPLICATION-PORTAL/](http://WWW.100KSTRONGAMERICAS.ORG/APPLICATION-PORTAL/)



# STEP 2: CREATE A PROFILE

*OR LOGIN TO EXISTING ACCOUNT*

## Applicant Profile Information

Prefix \*

Dr.

First Name \*

Innovation

Last Name \*

Fund

Job Title/Position \*

Grant-maker

Department/Unit \*

Partners of the Americas

Work Phone \*

202-628-3300

Work Email \*

100kstrongamericas@partners.net

Please include the country code.

Name of Higher Education Institution \*

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.

Size and Setting \*

ExGP: Exclusively graduate/professional

Type of Higher Education Institution \*

Private

Based on the Carnegie Classification of Institutions:

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City \*

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# ACCOUNT EMAIL ADDRESS



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

## 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.**

1

### 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.

# 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

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

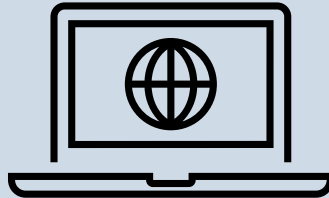
*We highly recommend that you send the Partner Information Request(s) at least one week before the deadline, so that your partner institution(s) has/have sufficient time to complete the form.*

# MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT PROPOSAL COMPONENTS AND GUIDELINES?



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# ELIGIBILITY



# ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

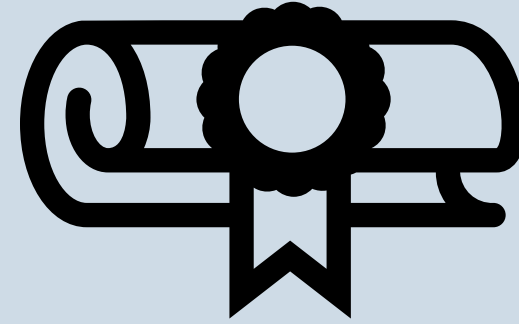


Colombia



United States

# ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS



Higher Education Institutions  
(HEIs) located and legally  
registered in the United States and  
Colombia



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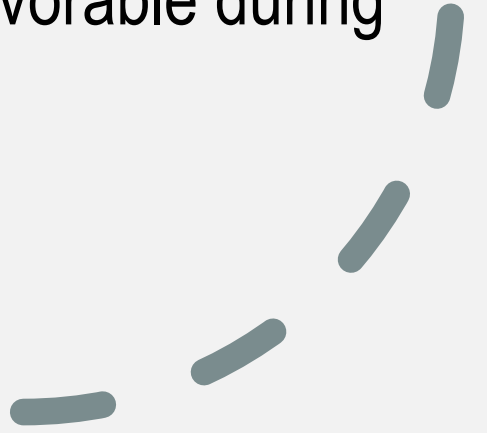


# PREFERRED INSTITUTIONS/ PARTNERSHIPS

Proposals that include one or more

- **Historically Black College & University (HBCU),**
- **Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI),**
- **Tribal College & University (TCU), and/or**
- **Community College**

in the United States will be found favorable during the evaluation process.



# AVAILABLE AWARDS\*

**8**  
**GRANTS**

**\$25,000**  
**USD**

*\*Pending the review process*

# COMMON 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 COLOMBIA.**

**Q: CAN WE INCLUDE A PARTNER INSTITUTION THAT IS NOT IN THE U.S. OR COLOMBIA?**

**A: FOR THIS INNOVATION FUND COMPETITION, ONLY INSTITUTIONS IN THE U.S. AND COLOMBIA 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.**



# ELIGIBLE THEMATIC AREAS



## Cacao Value Chain

- Production
- Processing
- Packaging
- Marketing
- Exporting
- etc.

Proposals must propose, or be connected to, a ***research project focused on the cacao sector*** and describe how the project will enhance the capacity of students and faculty to perform ***advanced, applied agricultural research.***

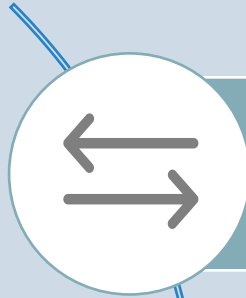
# ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS & CONSIDERATIONS





# IN-PERSON STUDENT MOBILITY

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



Bi-directional preferred, but not required.



No minimum/maximum number of students



No minimum/maximum duration of stay

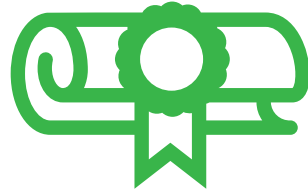
*\*Given the ongoing challenges & uncertainties due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we understand/encourage proposals that allow for both physical and virtual exchange.*



## 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.

*\*Include student recruitment strategy*

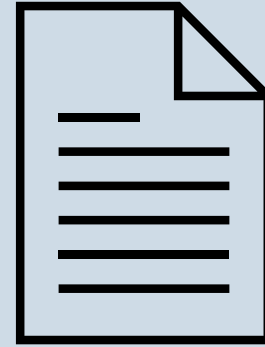


# COMPETITION TIMELINE

ACTIVITY	TIME PERIOD*
APPLICATION DEADLINE	<b>JANUARY 31, 2023</b> <b>BY 11:59 PM ET</b>
NOTIFICATION OF STATUS OF PROPOSAL	MID-APRIL 2023
AWARD OF GRANT FUNDS TO WINNERS	APRIL — MAY 2023
PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE	
JUNE 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/>

# 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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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:

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