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
How to Apply + Competition Eligibility & Requirements
Laura Cossette
Senior Program Officer
Partners of the Americas

Tips & Strategies from a 100K Grant Recipient
Dr. Xia (Amy) Zhang
Associate Professor of Accounting
Accounting Program Coordinator
International Program Coordinator
College of Business & Public Affairs
Alabama A&M University

Question & Answer
282 grants awarded to teams of 550 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

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

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

WHERE TO START?

WWW.100KSTRONGAMERICAS.ORG/JOIN/
STEP 1: ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL

WWW.100KSTRONGAMERICAS.ORG/APPLICATION-PORTAL/
### Applicant Profile Information

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**Size and Setting **
- ExGIP: Exclusively graduate/professional
- Private

**Type of Higher Education Institution**
- Based on the Carnegie Classification of Institutions:
  - http://carnegieclassifications.edu/classification_descriptions/size_setting.php

| Address Line 1 *              | 1424 K Street NW |
| Address Line 2                | Suite 700       |
| City *                        | Washington      |
➢ 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

- **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.
### 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)

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**Applications & all materials must be submitted in English**
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?

Visit Our Website
https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/app-format/

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U.S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. Agency for International Development

U.S. Department of State

GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY
ELIGIBILITY
ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Colombia

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

Cacao Value Chain

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

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<td>Notification of Status of Proposal</td>
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*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?

Click here to find an EducationUSA Advising Center

Join the 100K Innovation Network

Connect with others from this webinar!

Contact us at 100kstrongamericas@partners.net
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
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:

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