

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

The 100K CLIMA Grant Competition
to Build Inclusive Climate-Action and Student Exchange Programs
between

the United States and Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay

May 17, 2023 4:00PM EST









PLEASE NOTE:

- 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, Elegibility and Requirements

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Tips & Strategies from a 100K Grant Recipient

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Question & Answer



100K INNOVATION FUND HIGHLIGHTS

2013 - 2023



315 grants awarded to teams of **578** HEIs



25 countries and **49** U.S. states



Almost 10,000 students and counting



Over 1,200 grant proposals submitted (since 2014)



2,300 HEIs in Innovation Network -- and counting



over **\$16** million from public / private sectors to support the Innovation Fund since **2013**

WHERE TO START:

Join the Innovation Network

www.100kstrongamericas.org/join/



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



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Inspiring strategic partnerships between colleges & universities to increase student mobility and training in the Americas.

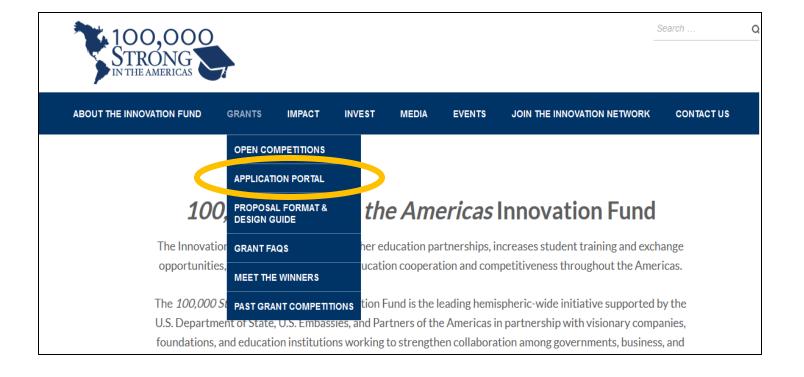
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+ HOW TO APPLY

STEP 1: ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL

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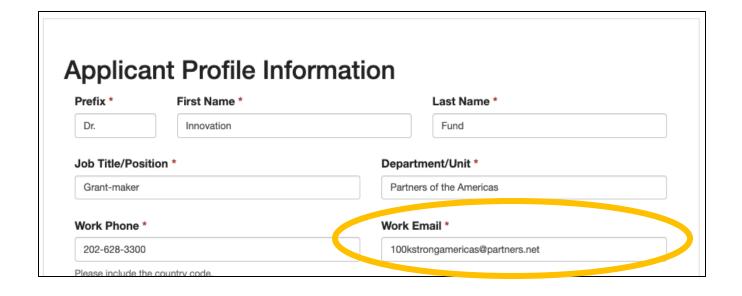


STEP 2: CREATE A PROFILE





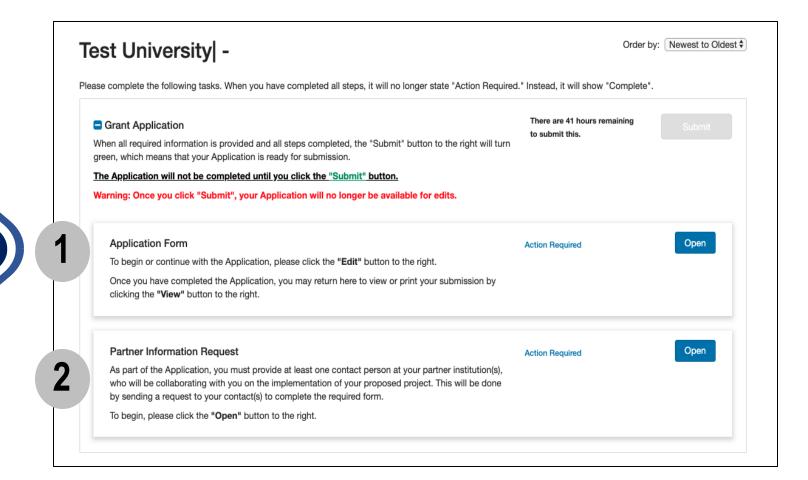
STEP 3: USE AN APPROPRIATE EMAIL



- > Account can <u>only</u> be accessed via this email address
- > All communications will be sent to this email address
 - ➤ Make sure it's closely monitored!



STEP 4: COMPLETE REQUIRED TASKS



APPLICATION FORM

Summary of Proposed Program

Program Goal & Objectives

Program Themes/Areas of Study

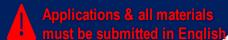
Partnering Institution(s)

of Students Traveling

Anticipated Travel Timeline

Description of Student Credit

PROPOSAL CONTENT DOCUMENT UPLOADS



Technical Narrative (PDF)

- Cover Page
- Table of Contents
- Executive Summary
- Program Description
- Sustainability Plan

Budget Summary (Excel)

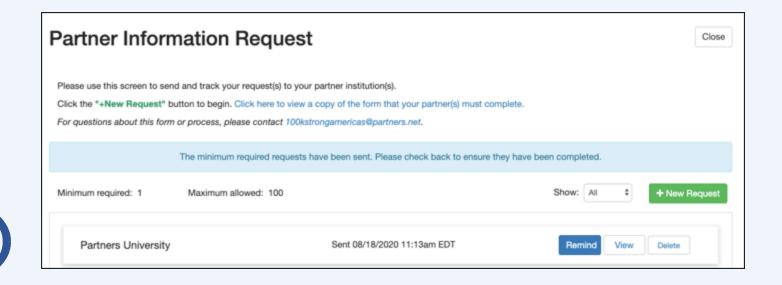
Budget Narrative (PDF)

Letters of Support (PDF)

CVs/Resumes of Project Directors (PDF)

(Optional) Additional Supporting Documents (PDF)

PARTNER INSTITUTION INFORMATION



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

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



MORE QUESTIONS ON APPLICATION GUIDELINES?



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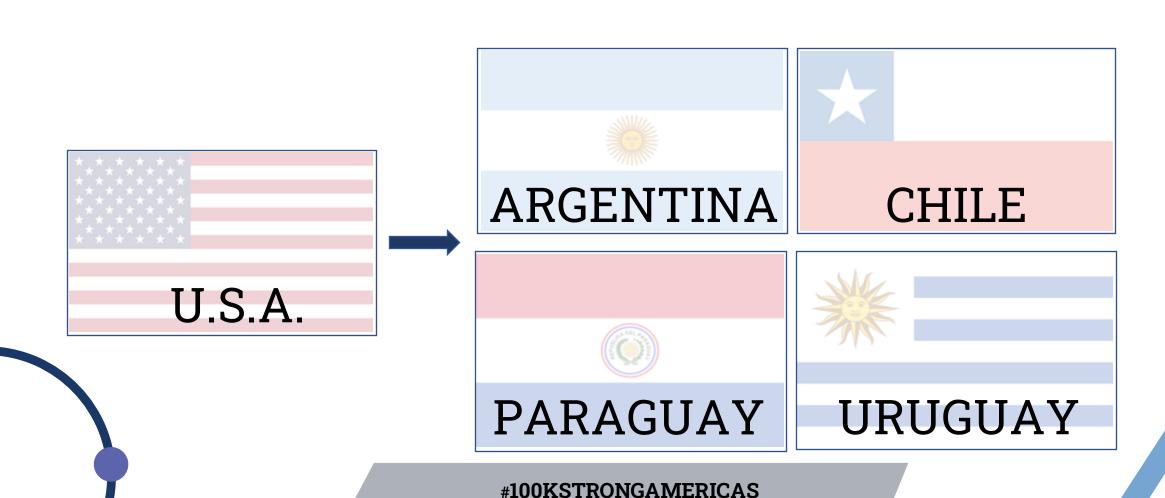
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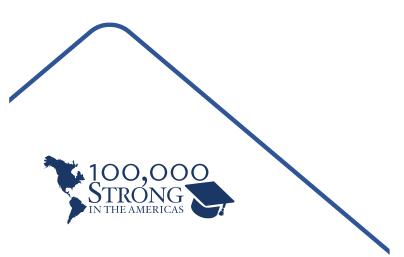
• ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES



ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

Higher Education Institutions
(HEIs) located and legally
registered in the United States
Argentina, Chile,
Paraguay, and Uruguay



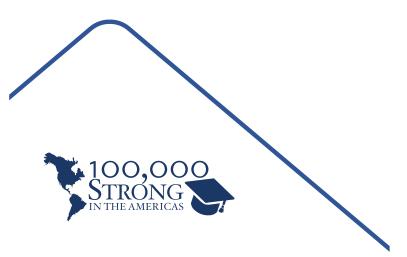
*While your institution may submit any number of proposals, the 100K team will not be selecting more than 2 winning proposals per institution for each 100K competition

PREFERRED INSTITUTIONS

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.





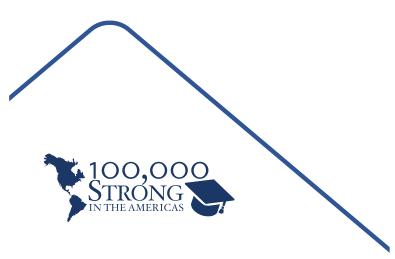


ELIGIBLE THEMATIC AREAS

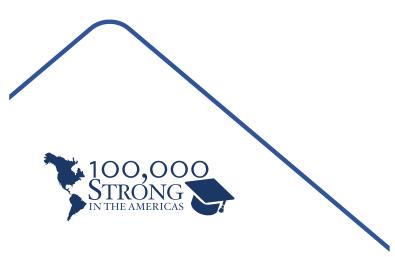
The **100K CLIMA initiative** is designed to catalyze climate action and collaboration at HEIs to provide exchange opportunities that will equip students with workforce skills to lead in a climate-positive, 21^{st} century green economy, as well as expand climate action between HEIs in the United States with the rest of the Western Hemisphere.

The goals of the 100K CLIMA initiative and this competition include the following:

- Expand access to innovative, climate-focused, workforce readiness training and exchange programs for underrepresented students in fields such as climate resilience, renewable energy, green economy, and other related thematic areas.
- Stimulate inter-regional partnerships and collaboration to deliver climate solutions.
- Build and catalyze climate action projects led by HEIs in the U.S. and LAC.



ELIGIBLE THEMATIC AREAS



- Biodiversity Protection
- Bio-Economy and Sustainable Value Chains
- Climate Justice
- Climate Technology
- Community Conservation
 Practices
- Conservation and Reforestation
- Endangered/Threatened Species Management and Protection
- Environmental Protection
- Green/Climate Finance

- Renewable Energy
- Natural Resource Management
- Protection and Restoration of Oceans and Corals
- Public Health and Climate
- STEM for Climate Purposes
- Sustainable Design, Architecture, and Construction
- Sustainable Land Use
- Sustainable/Regenerative
 Agriculture and Food Security
- Sustainable/Electric Transportation
- Water Protection and Restoration

AVAILABLEAWARDS



Grants

\$50,000 **USD**



• ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS & CONSIDERATIONS









CLIMATE ACTION PROJECT

HEIs must use approximately 50% of grant resources to start, sustain, or expand a strategic, ambitious *Climate Action*Project (CAP) that leverages the unique capacity and skills of the HEI community.

CAPs must fall within one or more Action Categories:

- 🔆 Research
- Anchor Institution
- **Education**
- Advocacy
- Administration/finance
- :: Operations







IN-PERSON STUDENT MOBILITY

• <u>Bi-directional</u> preferred, but not required

• <u>No minimum/maximum</u> number of students

No minimum/maximum duration of stay

* In-person student mobility is <u>required</u> in at least one direction









Level of Study

Students can be at any level of <u>post-secondary</u> <u>education</u>.

- ✓ 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 <u>underserved</u>, <u>non-traditional</u>, and/or diverse student populations.

*Include student Diversity Recruitment Plan



COMPETITION TIMELINE

ACTIVITY	TIMEPERIOD
APPLICATION DEADLINE	JULY 31, 2023 BY 11:59 PM ET
NOTIFICATION OF STATUS OF PROPOSAL	NOVEMBER 2023
AWARD OF GRANT FUNDS TO WINNERS	DECEMBER 2023 – January 2024
PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE	
JANUARY 1, 2024 - DECEMBER 31, 2024	

*Please note that these dates are subject to change



HOW CAN I FIND A **PARTNER INSTITUTION?**



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APPLY

NOW

Learn tips & strategies for developing a proposal for a **100K CLIMA** Innovation Fund Grant Competition





(English) Wednesday, June 14, 2023 2:00-3:00 PM ET (Spanish) Thursday, June 15, 2023 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Register at https://bit.ly/100K-CLIMA-Proposals-Info-Webinar-June2023









QUESTIONS?

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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 <u>Grant FAQs</u> page for answers to the most commonly asked questions.



THANK YOU!

For questions or clarifications, contact the Innovation Fund team:

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