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
Mariana Cabrera Figueroa
Program Officer
Partners of the Americas

Tips & Strategies from a 100K Grant Recipient
Melissa Armstrong
Director, Center for International Education
Northern Arizona University

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/

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

Receive news & updates about competitions, conferences, webinars, and more
HOW TO APPLY
More words that make an impact

STEP 1: ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL

www.100kstrongamericas.org/application-portal/
Step 2: Create a Profile

Applicant Profile Information

Prefix *
Dr.

First Name *
Innovation

Last Name *
Fund

Job Title/Position *
Grant-maker

Department/Unit *
Partners of the Americas

Work Phone *
202-428-2300

Work Email *
1000xstrongamericas@partners.net

Name of Higher Education Institution *
Test University

Size and Setting *
ExGP: Exclusively graduate/professional

Type of Higher Education Institution *
Private

Address Line 1 *
1424 K Street NW

Address Line 2
Suite 700

City *
Washington
Step 3: Use an appropriate email

- 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 4: Complete Required Tasks**

**Test University**

Please complete the following tasks. When you have completed all steps, it will no longer state "Action Required." Instead, it will show "Complete".

1. **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.

2. **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.

3. **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.
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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)

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 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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https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/app-format/

Attend Upcoming Webinars
https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/events/webinars/
or Join the Innovation Network to stay up-to-date
ELIGIBILITY
ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

U.S.A. → ARGENTINA → PARAGUAY → URUGUAY → CHILE

#100KSTRONGAMERICAS
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*
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.
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, 21st 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
AVAILABLE AWARDS

6 Grants

$50,000 USD

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Additional Requirements & Considerations
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

- Bi-directional preferred, but not required
- No minimum/maximum number of students
- No minimum/maximum duration of stay

* In-person student mobility is required in at least one direction
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 Diversity Recruitment Plan
# Competition Timeline

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*Please note that these dates are subject to change*
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

*List of HEIs seeking partners from today's webinar will be posted to our website under "Past Webinars" in 3-5 business days
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JOIN US FOR OUR INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS!

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

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:

100kstrongamericas@partners.net
The 100,000 Strong in the Americas CLIMATE Grants competition between the United States with Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

Open to all higher education institutions in the United States, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay.

**NOTE:** See Request for Proposals (RFP) for requirements and themes.

Application Period: May 3 – July 31

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