Applying for a 100,000 Strong in the Americas
Innovation Fund Grant Competition

The 100K CLIMA Colombia Competition

October 23, 2023 3:00PM EST

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TO BUILD BILATERAL INCLUSIVE CLIMATE-FOCUSED STUDENT EXCHANGE & RESEARCH PROGRAMS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND COLOMBIA

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

Application Period:
October 5, 2023 - January 31, 2024

- **Apply at:**
  www.100kstrongamericas.org

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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

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How to Apply, Elegibilty and Requirements

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U.S. Department of State, WHA

Questions & Answers

100K Innovation Fund Highlights

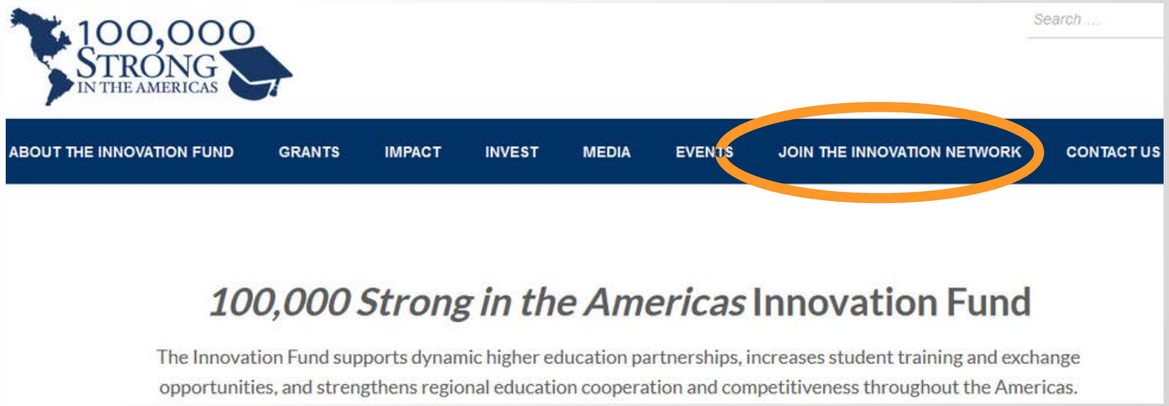
2013 - 2023

- 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 $20 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

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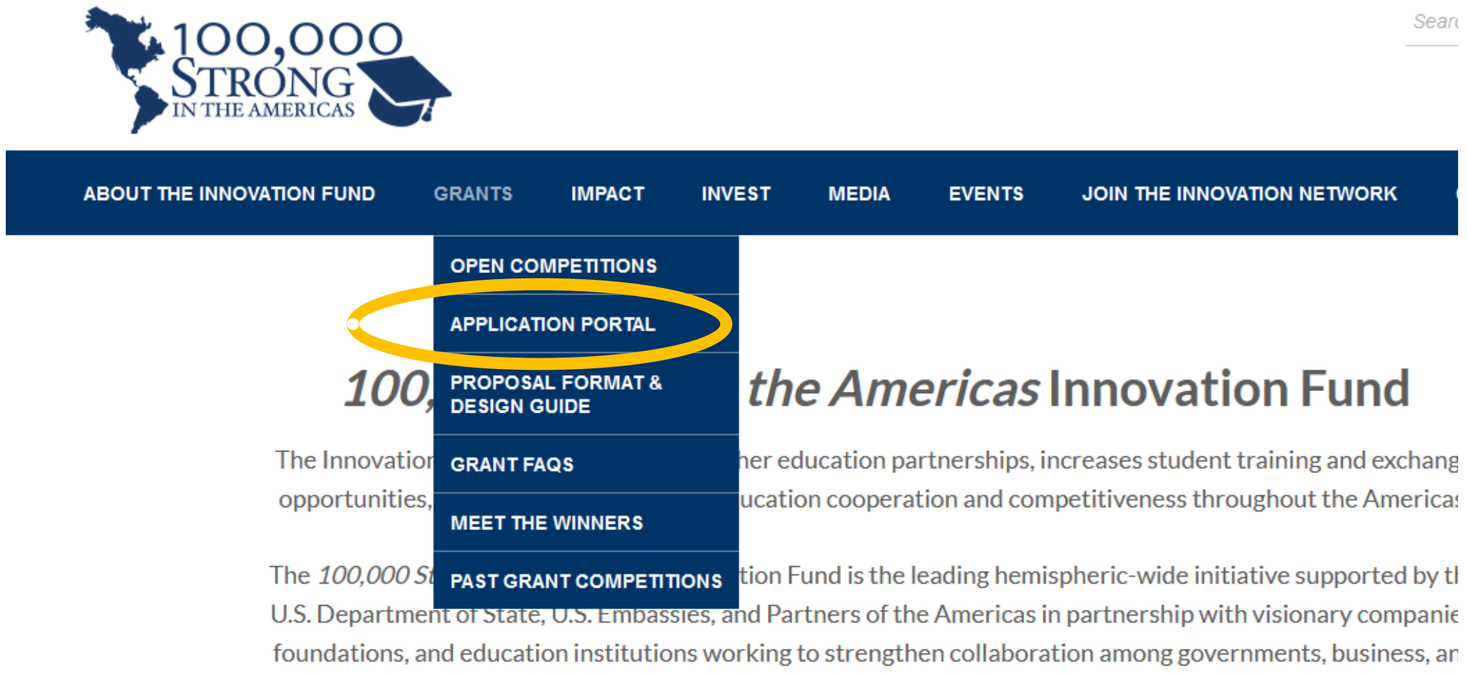
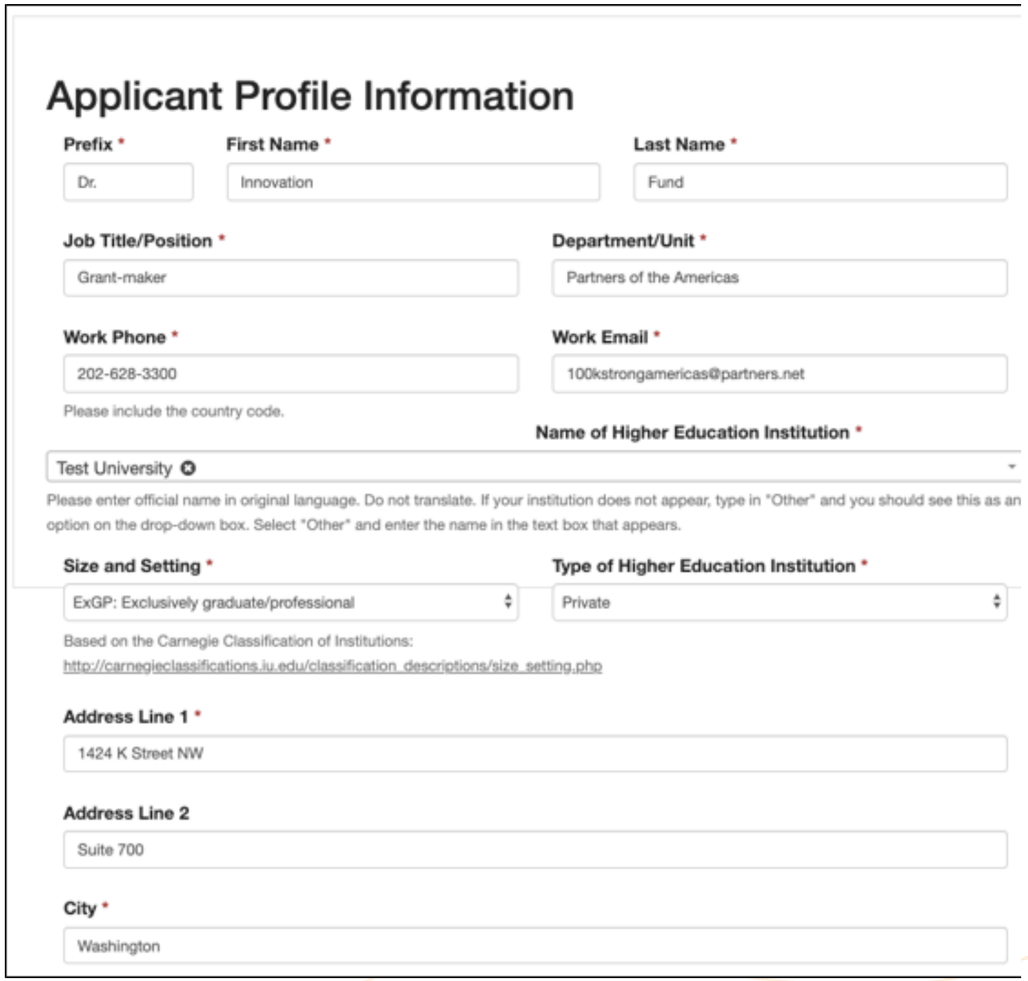
How To Apply

Step 1: Online Application Portal

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 * 202-628-3300

Please include the country code.

Work Email * 100kstrongamericas@partners.net

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

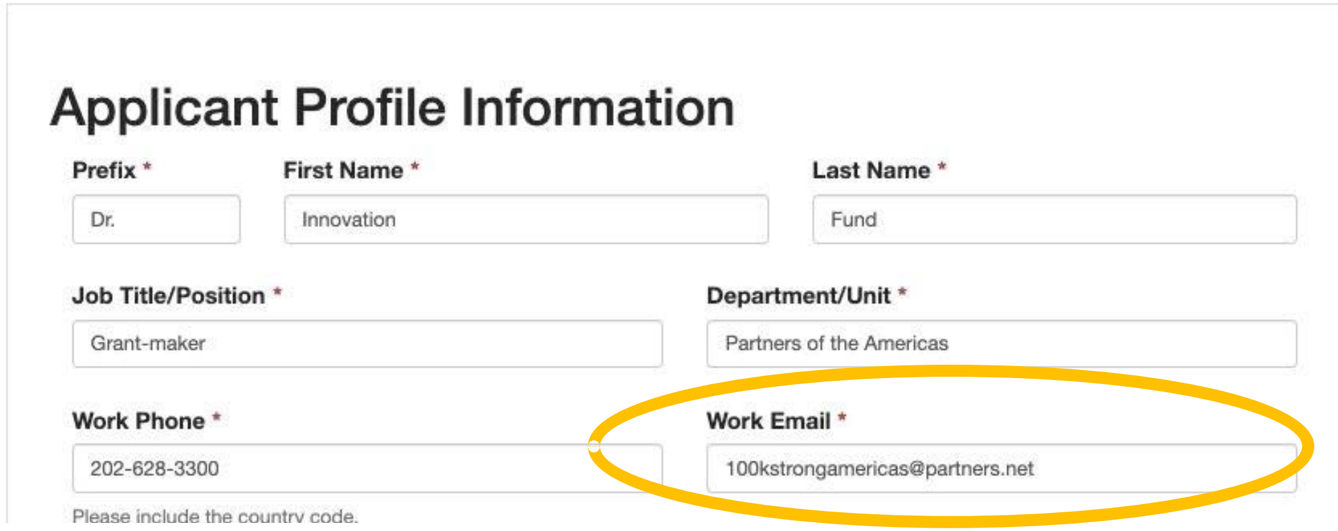
Based on the Carnegie Classification of Institutions:
http://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/classification_descriptions/size_setting.php

Address Line 1 * 1424 K Street NW

Address Line 2 Suite 700

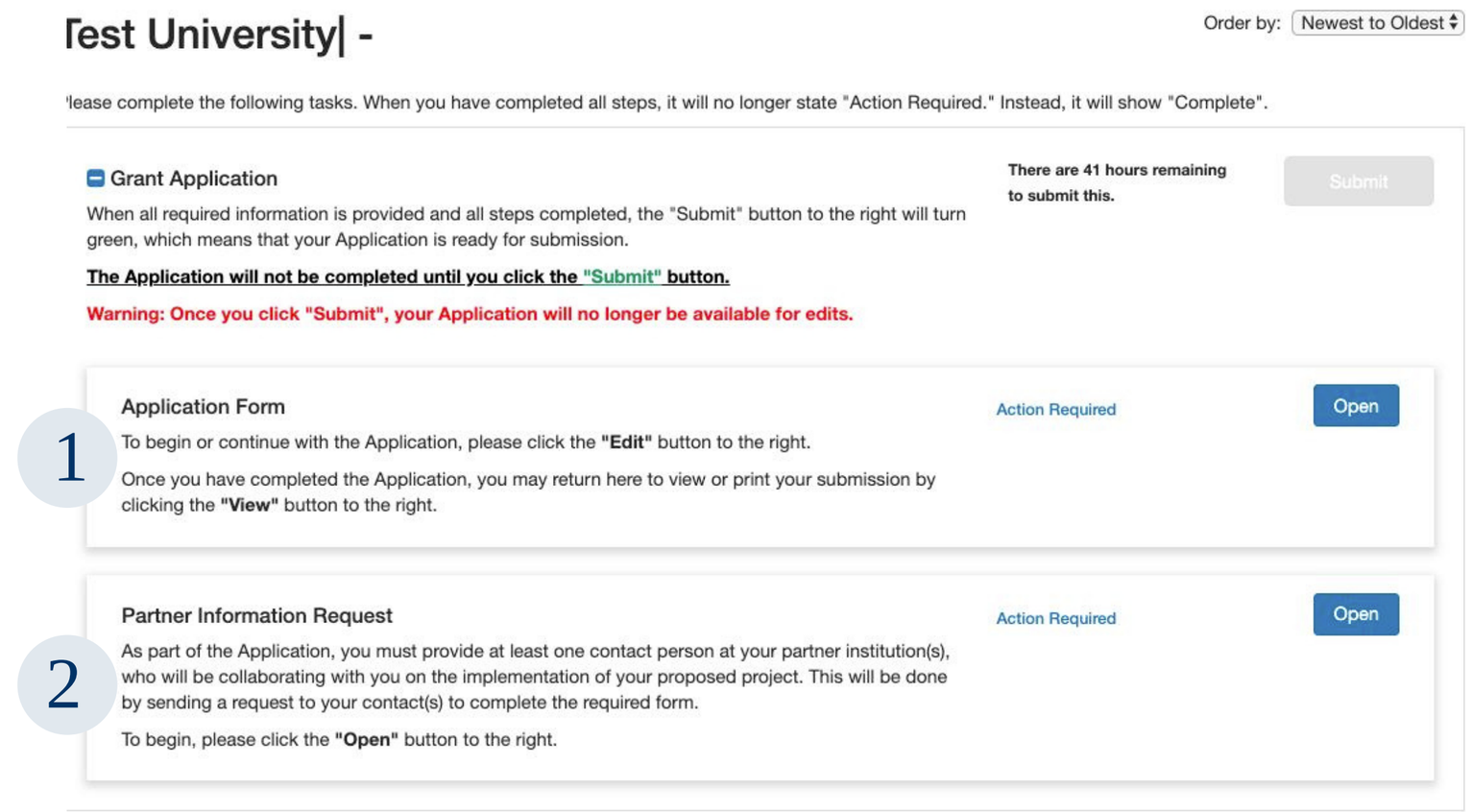
City * Washington

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



Application Form

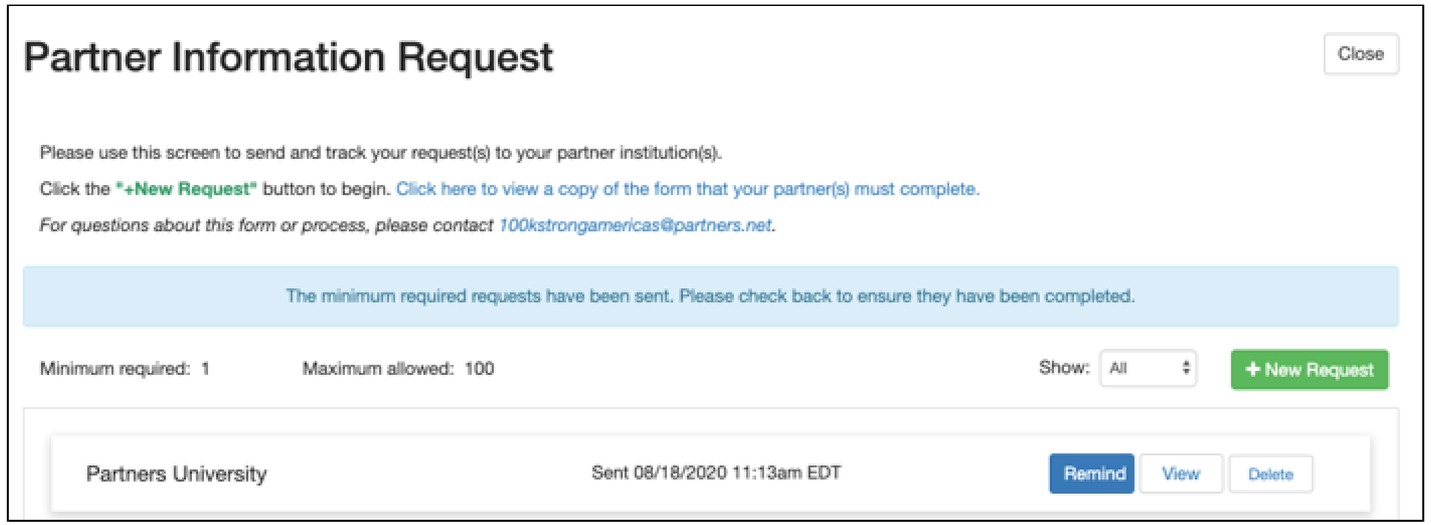
- Summary of Proposed Program
- Program Goal & Objectives
- Program Themes/Areas of Study
- Partnering Institution(s)
- # of Students Traveling
- Anticipated Travel Timeline
- Description of Student Credit

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

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Eligibility

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Eligible Countries

UNITED STATES

+

COLOMIA

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Eligible Institutions

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.

*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

Proposal Option #1

11 grants available to proposals focused on innovative, inclusive student/faculty exchanges

Open to all Colombian departments, but preferred departments include:

- Antioquia
- Bolívar
- Boyacá
- Caldas
- Casanare
- Cauca
- Cesar
- Cundinamarca
- Huila
- La Guajira
- Magdalena
- Meta
- Nariño
- Putumayo
- Quindío
- Risaralda
- Santander
- Tolima
- Valle del Cauca

Elegible Thematic Areas

- Agriculture
- Climate Technology
- Conservation and reforestation
- Renewable Energy
- Design, Architecture and Construction of Climate-Resilient Infrastructure
- Decarbonization and Electrification

Three (3) of these grants will be allocated to programs focused on the development and sustainable management of cacao and complementary crops (e.g.: plantain, cassava, chili bell peppers, mango, and Tahiti lime) value chains.

Proposal Option #2

5 grants available to proposals that include climate research connected to climate action projects (CAPs) and student/faculty exchange and training programs

- Open to all Colombian departments, but **2-3 grants** in this option will be awarded to projects that include at least one HEI **based in the Caribbean region of Colombia**

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Elegible Thematic Areas

- Agriculture
- Bioeconomy
- Circular Economy
- Climate Justice
- Conservation and reforestation
- Integrated Management for Sustainable Cities
- Public Health and Climate
- Sustainable Design, Architecture and Construction
- Sustainable/Electric Transportation
- Water

Three (3) of these grants will be allocated to programs focused any of these areas and on the **development and sustainable management of cacao and complementary crops** (e.g.: plantain, cassava, chili bell peppers, mango, and Tahiti lime) value chains.

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Climate Action Project

HEIs must use 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**

Available Awards

- OPTION #1

11 Grants

$27,174 USD

- OPTION #2

5 Grants

$50,000 USD

Additional requirements & considerations

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**

Program Design

Level of Study

Students can be at any level of post-secondary education

Undergraduate
Graduate
Doctoral

Student Credit

Required: Students must receive some level of 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

ACTIVITY	TIME PERIOD
Application Deadline	January 31, 2024 by 11:59 pm ET
Notification of status of proposal	April 2024
Award of Grant Funds to Winners	May - August 2024
Period of Performance	
June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025	

*Please note that these dates are subject to change

How can I find a Partner Institution?

- Click here to find an EducationUSA Advising Center
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- Connect with others from this webinar!
- Contact us at 100kstrongamericas@partners.net

*List of HEIs seeking partners from today's webinar will be distributed to registrrants in 3-5 business days

Join us for our **informational webinars!**

- Learn How to Apply:
  October 23, 2023 / 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET (English)
  24 de octubre, 2023 / 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET (Español)

- Tips & Strategies for Strong Proposals:
  November 13, 2023 / 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET (English)
  14 de noviembre 2023 / 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET (Español)

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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 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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