

Question & Answer Report

Information Webinar: How to Apply The 2023 100K CLIMA Colombia Innovation Fund Grant Competition

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1. Where can I find the eligible themes?

You can find all eligible themes for this competition in the Request for Proposals (RFP) on our "Open Competitions" page at <u>https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/grants/</u>.

2. Can you have multiple partners?

Yes, you may have multiple partners from each eligible country as long as you meet the minimum requirements of at least one (1) U.S. HEI and one (1) Colombian HEI in your proposal.

3. Can there be other Latin American countries be partners in the proposal as well?

Each competition has a unique set of requirements, but for this competition the only eligible countries would be the U.S. and Colombia. Nonetheless, 100K is committed to hosting diverse competitions in a variety of countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. HEIs in other countries can stay up to date on our future competitions by joining our 100K Innovation Network at https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/join/.

4. Does the U.S. university necessarily need to match funds? Will my proposal be any weaker if it relies solely on the 100K funds?

Cost-share is required, but there is no required amount; however, proposals that can match the grant 1:1 are viewed more favorably by the Review Committee. In fact, past winning proposals have averaged cost-share rates of more than 1.5 to 1. The evaluation committees do consider the level of matching funds, but it is only one of many factors considered.