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

The 100K CLIMA/IE North America Competition

December 13, 2023 3:00PM EST
Open Now!

New 100K Strong Grant Competition

NORTH AMERICA

Announcing new 100,000 Strong in the Americas grant competition to expand trilateral higher education cooperation and inclusive, climate-action focused student/faculty exchanges between the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

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

Application Period:
November 16, 2023 - February 29, 2024

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Please Note:

- Recording & materials available within 5-6 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
- Captions:
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**Agenda**

**Introduction to our Donor-Partners**

Nataša Forte
Policy Advisor – Americas, Africa, Europe, MENA, Global Affairs Canada

**How to Apply, Eligibility and Requirements**

Mariana Cabrera Figueroa
Program Officer - 100K Strong Innovation Fund
Partners of the Americas

**Presentation from Past 100K Grantee**

Mia Armstrong
Managing Editor – *Future Tense*, Arizona State University

**Questions & Answers**
100K Innovation Fund Highlights

2013 - 2023

- 321 grants awarded to teams of 585 HEIs
- 26 countries and 49 U.S. states
- Over 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

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.
How To Apply
Step 1: Online Application Portal

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

**Applicant Profile Information**

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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!**

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Step 4: Complete Required Tasks

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.
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?

Visit Our Website
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

- CANADA
- UNITED STATES
- MEXICO

*Tri-lateral partnership required*
Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) located and legally registered in the United States, Canada, and Mexico

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*
Elegible 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
- And more!
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

9 Grants

$25,000 USD

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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

Required: Students must receive some level of credit from their home institution during or as a result of the proposed program.

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

Level of Study
Students can be at any level of post-secondary education

- Undergraduate
- Graduate
- Doctoral

Student Credit

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Diverse Students

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## Competition Timeline

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<td>Notification of status of proposal</td>
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<td>Award of Grant Funds to Winners</td>
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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 distributed to registrants in 3-5 business days*
Past 100K Grantee Experience

• Mia Armstrong, Arizona State University
Questions?

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