Live Q&A Webinar

The 100K CLIMA Colombia Innovation Fund Grant Competition

January 11, 2024
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Agenda

What is the 100K Innovation Fund?
Finding a Partner Institution
How to Apply, Eligibility and Requirements
Proposal Evaluation Criteria
Questions & Answers

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Partners of the Americas
The 100K Innovation Fund is the public-private sector partnership and collaboration among the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs at the U.S. Department of State (WHA/DOS), U.S. Embassies, and Partners of the Americas, working with companies, foundations, regional government entities, and academic networks throughout the United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

The goals of the 100K Innovation Fund align with DOS priorities to build institutional capacity, increase access to inclusive education opportunities, stimulate economic prosperity, and contribute to workforce development.
100K Innovation Fund Highlights

- 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
How To Apply
Step 1: Online Application Portal

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

**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.

1. **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.

2. **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.
More Questions on Application Guidelines?

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Eligibility
NEW 100K CLIMA GRANT COMPETITION
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
Eligible Countries

UNITED STATES + COLOMIA

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Teams of HEIs should use 100K grant funds to:

1. Create and implement innovative, inclusive student and/or faculty training and exchange programs between the U.S. and Colombia.

IF Choosing Option #2:
1. Create and implement innovative, inclusive student and/or faculty training and exchange programs between the U.S. and Colombia.

2. Bilateral focused climate action projects (CAPs), that contribute to climate-action solutions.
Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) located and legally registered in the United States and Colombia

Proposals that include one or more Minority Serving Institution (MSI) in the United States will be found favorable during the evaluation process.

- Historically Black College & University (HBCU),
- Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI),
- Tribal College & University (TCU), and/or
- Community College

*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*
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

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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 both climate research connected to a climate action project (CAPs) and a student/faculty exchange and training program.

- 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 on 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.
Available Awards

- **OPTION #1**
  - 11 Grants
  - $27,174 USD

- **OPTION #2**
  - 5 Grants
  - $50,000 USD

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Additional requirements & considerations
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
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
# 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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<td>Period of Performance</td>
<td><strong>June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025</strong></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*
Q: How many institutions can be involved in my proposed project?
A: There is no limit to the number of institutions that can be involved in the project.

Q: Which institution has to submit the application?
A: The primary applicant HEI can be from either the U.S. or Colombia.

Q: Can we include a partner HEI that is not in the U.S. or Colombia?
A: For this Innovation Fund competition, only institutions in the listed countries are eligible to apply and be beneficiaries.

Q: How many proposals can my institution submit?
A: There is no limit to the number of proposals that an institution can submit, however, a single institution will not receive more than two grant awards in a single grant competition.
Build Your 100K Proposal
Technical Narrative (80%)
- Cover Page - 1 page
- Table of Contents - 1 page
- Executive Summary & Program Description 40%
- Sustainability Plan 15%
- Capacity, Challenges & Opportunities 10%
- Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Plan 15%

Budget (20%)
- Budget Summary Table
- Descriptive Budget Narrative
- Low Indirect Costs

Supporting Documents
- Letters of Support (required)
- Biography/résumé of Project Team (required)
  - 2 pages max per person
- Additional Materials
Helpful Resources

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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 5-6 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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