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The 100K CLIMA/IE North America Innovation Fund Grant Competition

February 6, 2024

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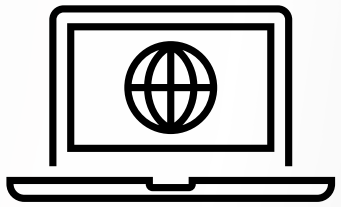
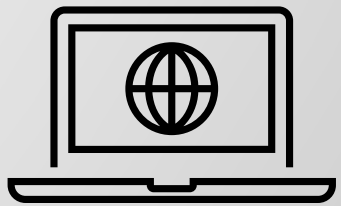


- Recording & materials will be available to you within 5-6 business days.
  - On our website + in a follow-up email
- This presentation will be in English, but questions may be submitted in either English or Spanish.
- Please submit questions via the “Q&A” box in the Zoom window.
  - Please do not use the “chat” box to send questions

Tenga en cuenta:

- La grabación y los materiales estarán disponibles dentro de 5-6 días.
  - En nuestro sitio web y por correo
- Esta presentación será en inglés, pero pueden mandar preguntas en inglés o en español
- Envíe preguntas a través del cuadro “Q&A" en la ventana Zoom
  - Por favor, no use el “Chat” para enviar preguntas



Agenda

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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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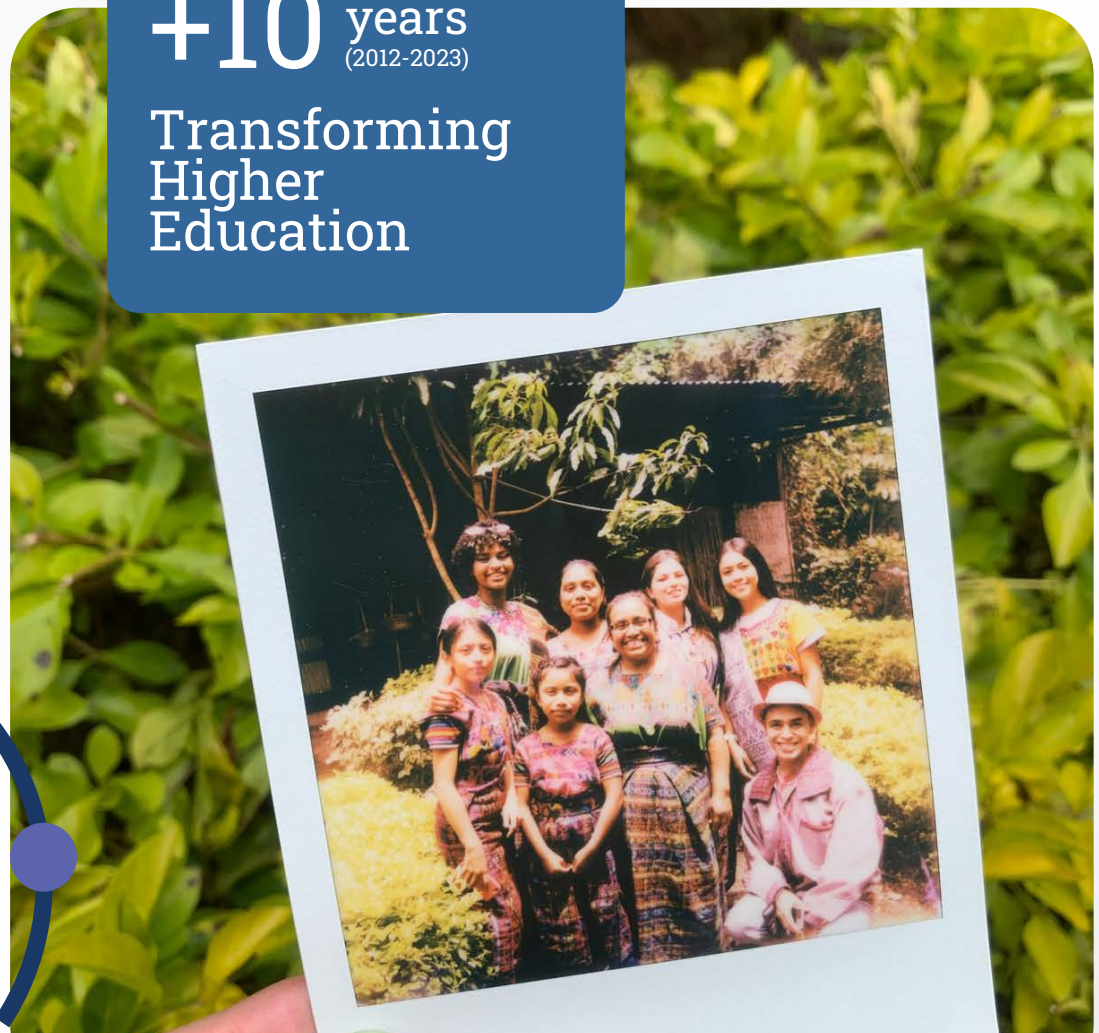
Partners of the Americas

Background

+10 years (2012-2023)

Transforming Higher Education



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.

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100K Innovation Fund Highlights

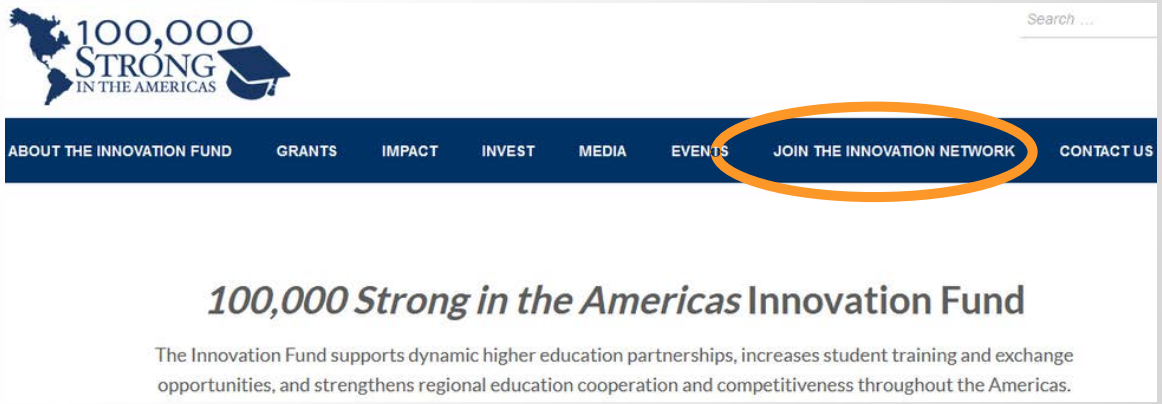
2013 - 2023

- 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

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to increase student mobility and training in the Americas.
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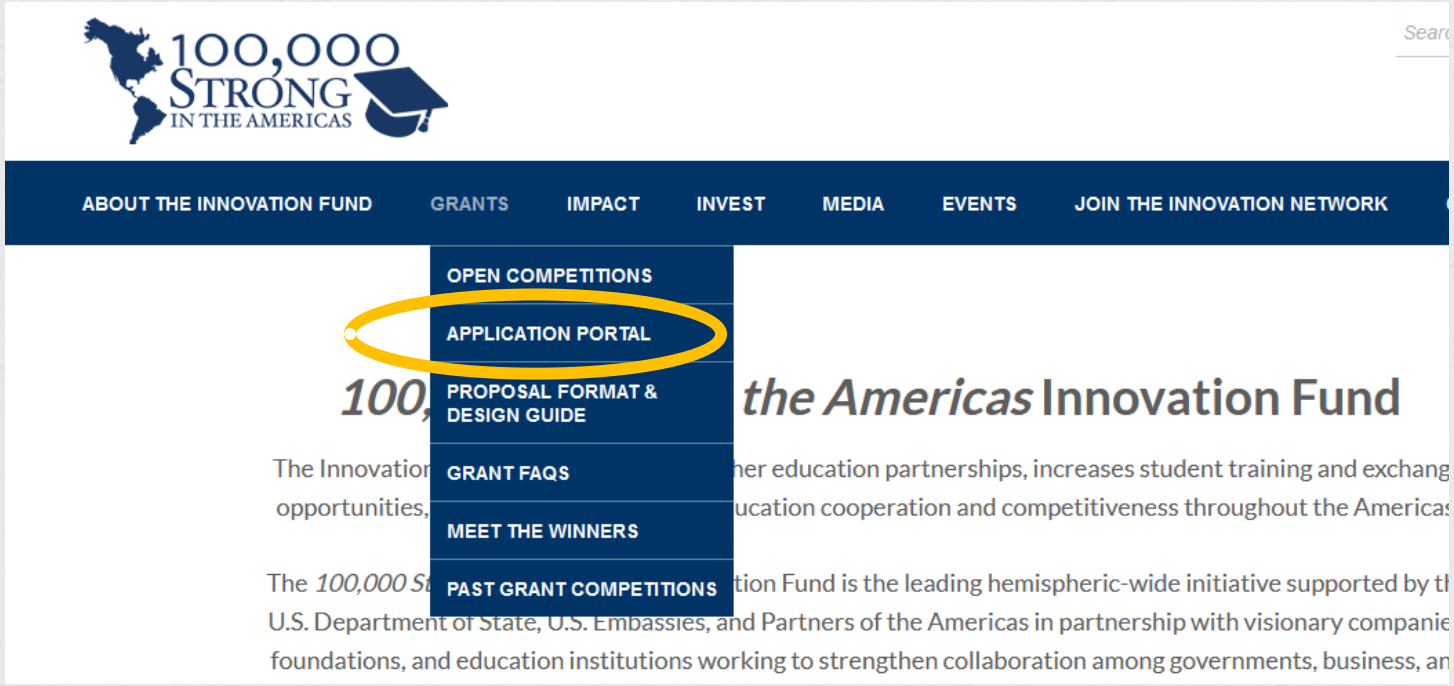
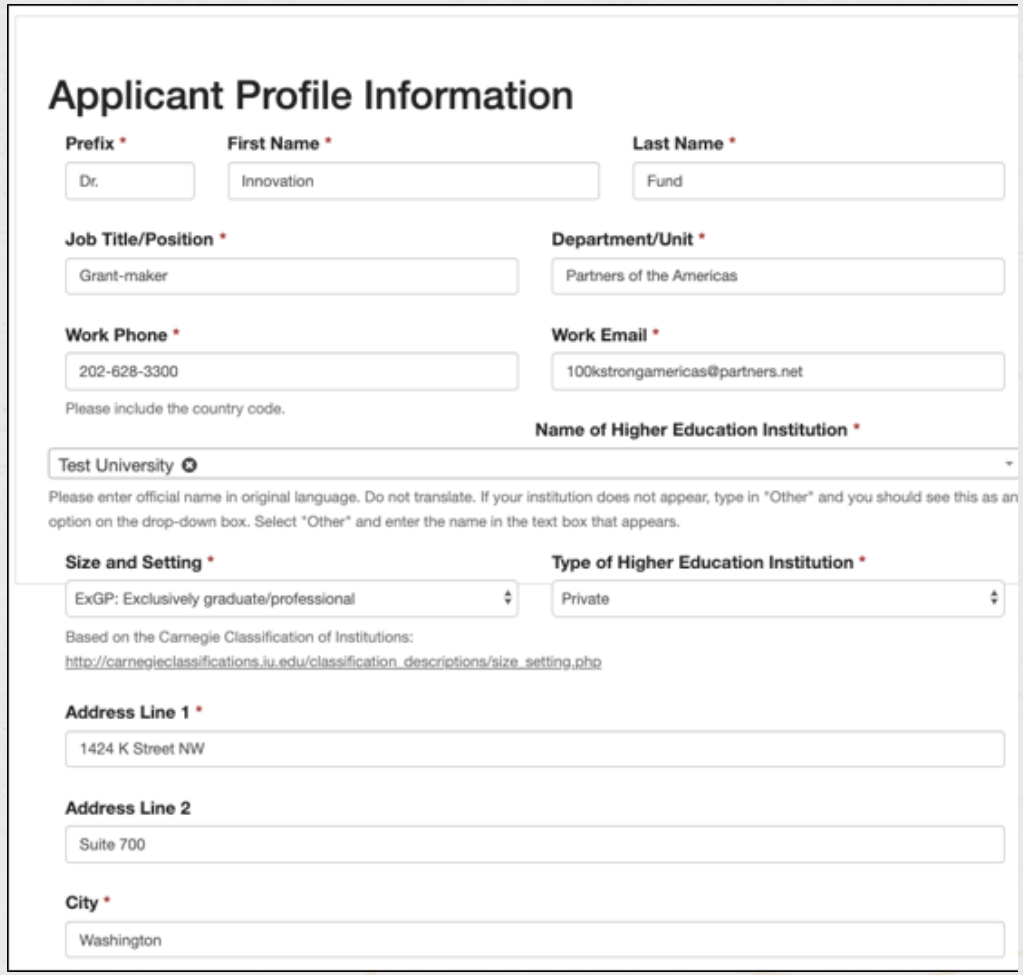
How To Apply

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

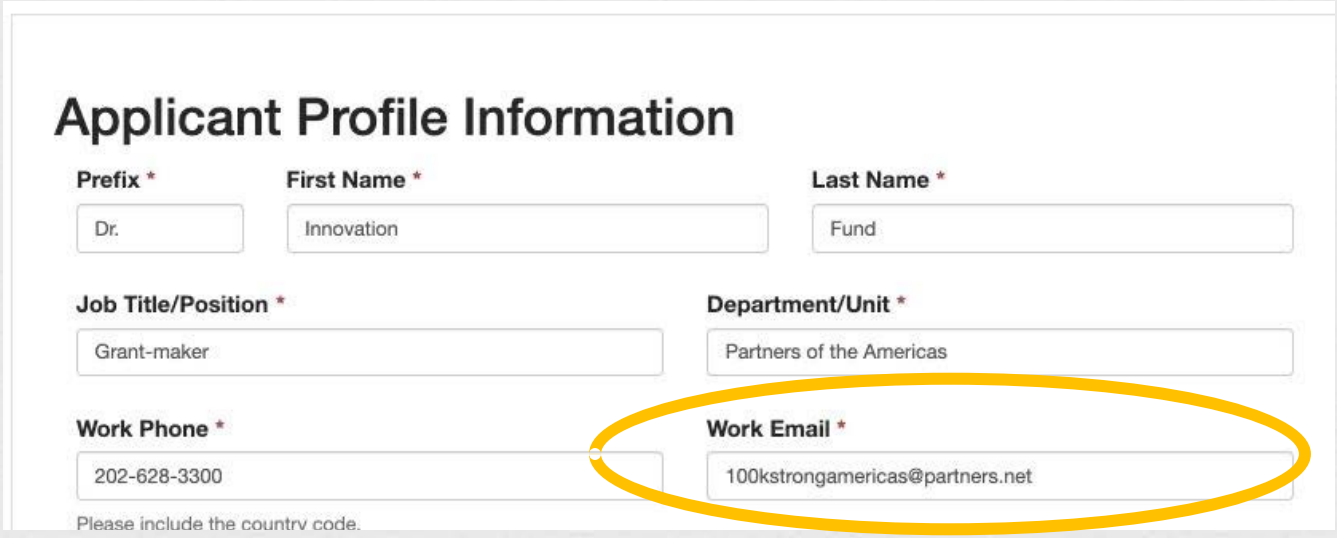
Based on the Carnegie Classification of Institutions:
http://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/classification_descriptions/size_setting.php

Address Line 1 * 1424 K Street NW

Address Line 2 Suite 700

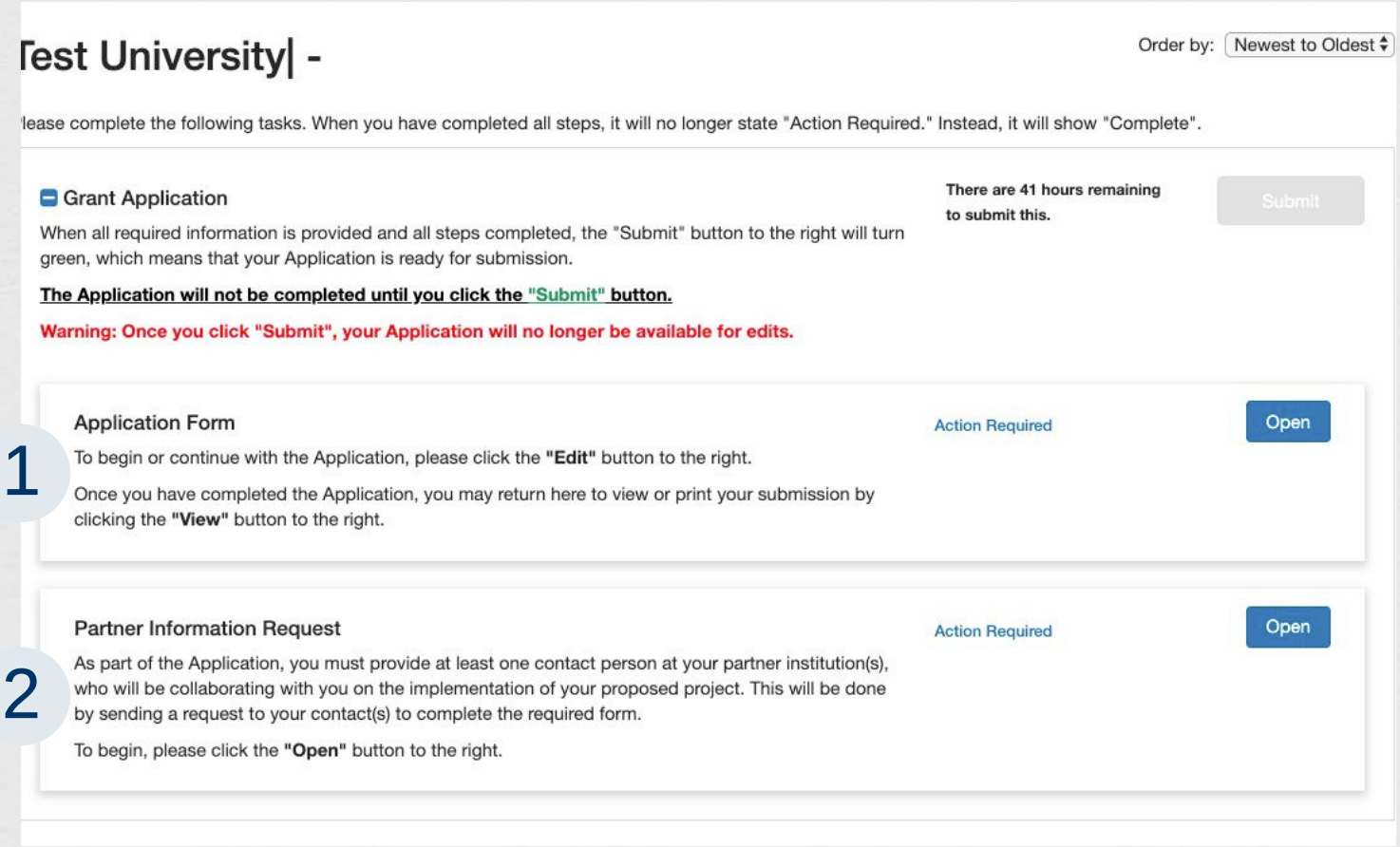
City * Washington

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



More Questions on Application Guidelines?

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https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/events/webinars/
or Join the Innovation Network to stay up-to-date

Eligibility

Open Now!

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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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Eligible Countries

UNITED STATES

CANADA

MEXICO

Bi-lateral partnership required

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Project Design Aspects

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., Canada, and/or Mexico.

2. Bilateral or trilateral focused climate action projects (CAPs), that contribute to climate-action solutions.

Eligible Institutions

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

Project Design

Nine (9) grants of up to $25,000 available to proposals that include both **climate research connected to a climate action project** (CAPs) *and* **student/faculty exchange and training programs**.

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Elegible Thematic Areas

- Bioeconomy and Sustainable Value Chains
- Climate Justice
- Conservation and Reforestation
- Endangered/Threatened Species Management and Protection
- Environmental Protection
- Green/Climate Finance
- Renewable Energy
- Protection and Restoration of Oceans and Corals
- STEM for Climate Purposes
- Sustainable Design, Architecture, and Construction
- Sustainable/Electric Transportation
- And more!

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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

ACTIVITY	TIME PERIOD
Application Deadline	March 17, 2024 by 11:59 pm ET
Notification of status of proposal	April 2024
Award of Grant Funds to Winners	April - June 2024
Period of Performance	
June 1, 2024 – March 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
- 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 registrrants in 3-5 business days

Frequently Asked Questions

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 any of the eligible countries.

Q: Can we include a partner HEI that is not in the U.S., Canada, or Mexico?

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

Evaluation Criteria

15 pages maximum

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%

5 pages

Budget (20%)

Budget Summary Table

Descriptive Budget Narrative

Low Indirect Costs

No page limit

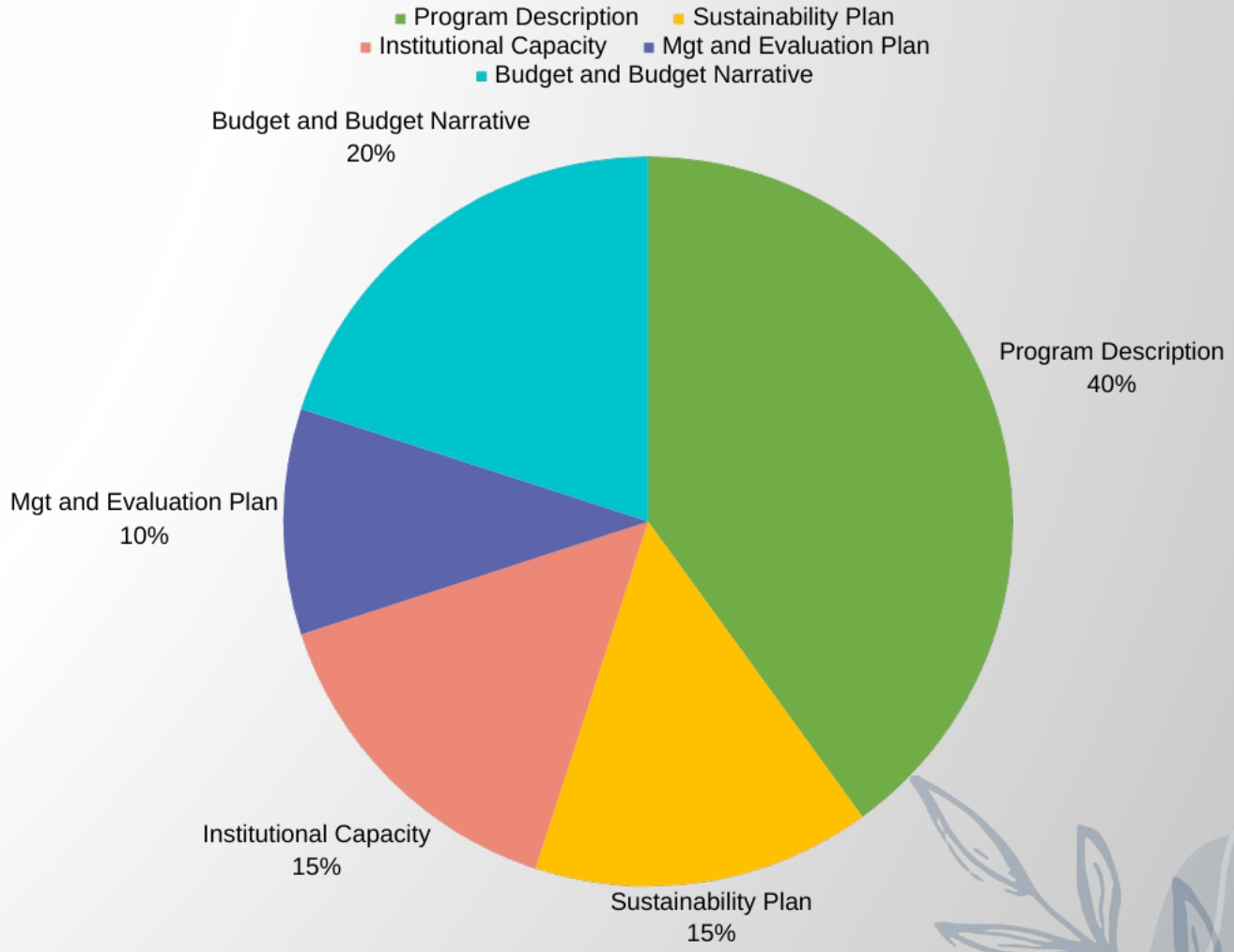
Supporting Documents

Letters of Support (required)

Biography/résumé of Project Team (required)

2 pages max per person

Additional Materials



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Request for Proposals

https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/grants/

Past Webinars

https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/events/webinars/

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 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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