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

February 6, 2024
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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
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
2013 - 2023

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<td>Grants awarded</td>
<td>321 grants awarded to teams of 585 HEIs</td>
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<td>Countries and States</td>
<td>26 countries and 49 U.S. states</td>
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<td>Students</td>
<td>Over 10,000 students and counting</td>
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<td>Grant proposals</td>
<td>Over 1,200 grant proposals submitted (since 2014)</td>
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<td>HEIs in Innovation Network</td>
<td>2,300 HEIs in Innovation Network -- and counting</td>
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<td>Funding</td>
<td>Over $20 million from public / private sectors to support the Innovation Fund since 2013</td>
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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

![Application Profile Information Form](image)

- **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!
Step 4: Complete Required Tasks

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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Open Now!

New 100K Strong Grant Competition

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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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.
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*
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.
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

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<td>Application Deadline</td>
<td>March 17, 2024 by 11:59 pm ET</td>
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<td>Notification of status of proposal</td>
<td>April 2024</td>
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<td>Award of Grant Funds to Winners</td>
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<td>Period of Performance</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 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
**Technical Narrative (80%)**
- Cover Page - 1 page
- Table of Contents - 1 page
- Executive Summary & Program Description 40%
- Sustainability Plan 15%
- Capacity, Challenges & Opportunities 10%
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- Descriptive Budget Narrative
- Low Indirect Costs

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- Biography/résumé of Project Team (required)
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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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