



Question & Answer Session

Sesión de preguntas y respuestas

STEM Alliance Grant Competition

September 16, 2026





Agenda

Webinar: Q&A Session for the STEM Alliance Grant Competition

Seminario web: Sesión de preguntas y respuestas sobre la Convocatoria de subvenciones Alianza STEM



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Eligibility Review

Revisión de los requisitos de elegibilidad



Proposal Checklist & Submission

Lista de verificación y presentación de propuesta



Questions from Attendees

Preguntas de asistentes

Please Note

Tenga en cuenta

Session recording & materials will be available next week.

La grabación y los materiales estarán disponibles la próxima semana.



ENGAGE

Interactúe con otras mediante el cuadro de “Chat”.



SUBMIT QUESTIONS

Envíe preguntas a través del cuadro Q&A.





Inspiring **strategic partnerships** between colleges & universities to increase **student mobility** and **training** in the Americas.

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◆ Competition Overview

Resumen de la Convocatoria

◆ STEM Alliance ◆ GRANT COMPETITION



Championing American **educational excellence**, spurs **innovation**, and creates **long-term partnerships** that ensure a stronger, safer, and more prosperous Hemisphere.

Promueve la **excelencia educativa** de Estados Unidos, impulsa la **innovación** y forja **alianzas a largo plazo** que garantizan un hemisferio más fuerte, más seguro y próspero.



ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

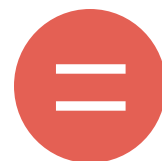
Países elegibles

REQUIRED PARTNERSHIP
Asociación obligatoria

1 U.S. HEI

+

1 Central America/
Caribbean HEI



UNITED STATES

All States & Territories

*Pueden participar instituciones
ubicadas en cualquier estado o
territorio de EE. UU.*



CENTRAL AMERICA

- ◆ Belize
- ◆ Costa Rica
- ◆ El Salvador
- ◆ Guatemala
- ◆ Honduras
- ◆ Panama

CARIBBEAN

- ◆ Antigua & Barbuda
- ◆ Bahamas
- ◆ Barbados
- ◆ Dominica
- ◆ Dominican Republic
- ◆ Grenada
- ◆ Jamaica
- ◆ St. Kitts & Nevis
- ◆ St. Lucia
- ◆ St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- ◆ Suriname
- ◆ Trinidad & Tobago

FAQs: Partnerships

Preguntas frecuentes: Alianzas



1. Who can be a partner?

¿Quién puede ser socio?

2. How many partners can be included?

¿Cuántos socios se pueden incluir?

3. Can we build on an existing partnership?

¿Se puede aprovechar una colaboración ya existente?



How can I find a Partner Institution?

¿Cómo encontrar una institución asociada?



- Consult EducationUSA Advising Centers

<https://educationusa.state.gov/find-advising-center>



- Join the 100K Strong Innovation Network



- Connect with others from webinars!



- Contact us: 100kstrongamericas@partners.net

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◆ Eligible Thematic Areas

Áreas temáticas elegibles



STEM-related Fields

- Ciencia
- Tecnología
- Ingeniería
- Matemáticas

...and others.

Critical Minerals

Minerales críticos

AI

Inteligencia artificial

Entrepreneurship

Emprendimiento

Agricultural & Food Sciences

Ciencias Agrícolas y Alimentarias

***Read the Request for Proposals (RFP) for more information.**

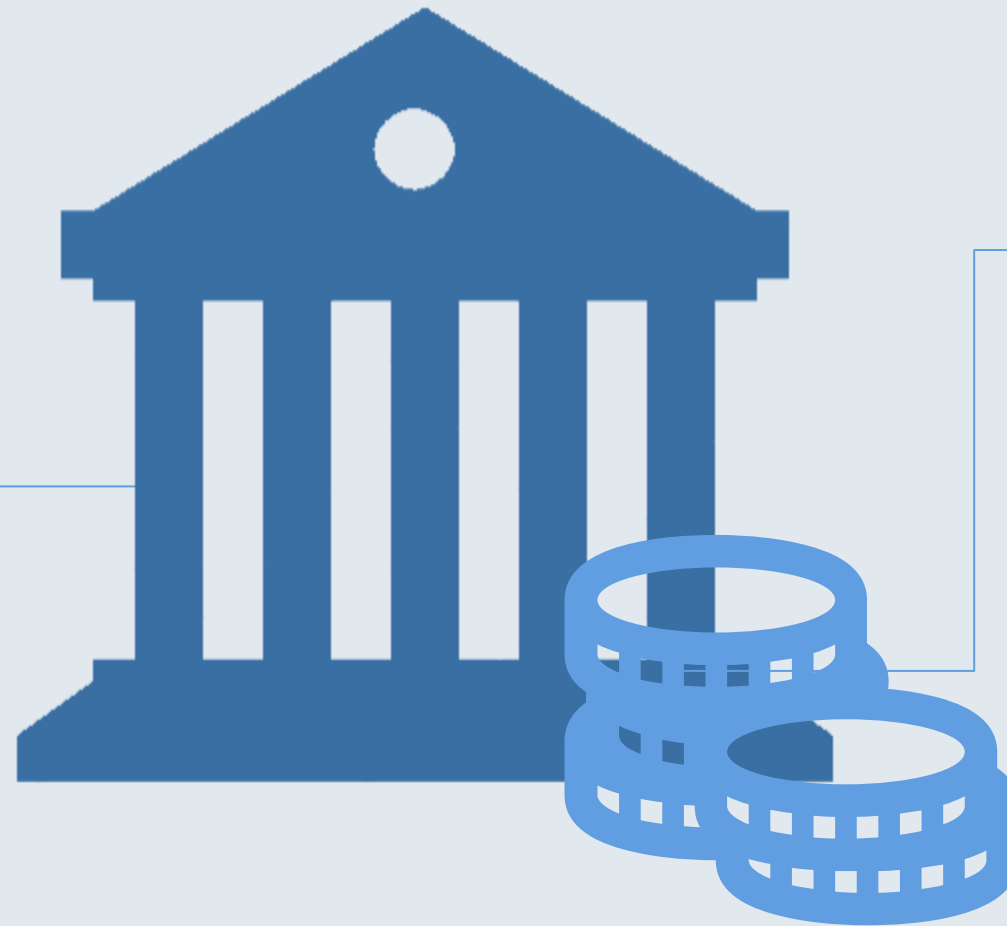
***Lea la solicitud de propuestas para mas detalles.**

Available Funding

Financiamiento disponible



10 GRANTS
SUBVENCIONES

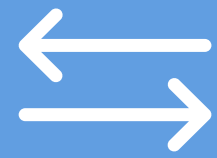


A CADA EQUIPO

\$32,000 USD

◆ Program Design

Diseño del programa



STUDENT MOBILITY

Movilidad estudiantil

- **Required:** In-person travel in at least one direction.
 - *Bidirectional travel preferred*
- No minimum/ maximum number of students.
- No minimum/ maximum duration of stay.
- **Requisito:** Movilidad presencial en al menos una dirección.
 - *Se prefiere bidireccional*
- Sin número mínimo/máximo de estudiantes.
- Sin duración mínima/máxima de estancia.

◆ Program Design

Diseño del programa



LEVEL OF STUDY

Nivel de estudio

Any level of post-secondary education.

- ✓ Undergrad
- ✓ Grad
- ✓ Ph.D.
- ✓ Pre-Grado
- ✓ Técnica y Tecnológica
- ✓ Post-Grado
- ✓ Doctorado



STUDENT CREDIT

Crédito estudiantil

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

Requisito: Se deben recibir algún nivel de crédito académico de su institución de origen durante o como resultado de la participación en el programa propuesto.

FAQs: Participants

Preguntas frecuentes: Participantes



1. Do students need to be identified before submitting the proposal?

¿Es necesario identificar a los estudiantes antes de presentar la propuesta?

2. Are faculty members allowed to participate in exchanges?

¿Se permite participar a los profesores en los intercambios?

3. Can virtual exchanges be included?

¿Se pueden incluir intercambios virtuales?

FAQs: Program Management

Preguntas frecuentes: Gestión de programas



1. Which institution should lead and how are responsibilities divided?

¿Cuál institución debe asumir el liderazgo y cómo se distribuyen las responsabilidades?

2. How should partners manage funding and cost-share contributions together?

¿De qué manera deben gestionar conjuntamente los fondos y las contribuciones de costos compartidos?



Competition Timeline Cronograma

ACTIVITY	TIME PERIOD
Application Deadline	October 18, 2026
Notification of Proposal Status	By November 30, 2026
Award of Grant Funds to Winners	December 2026 – January 2027
Period of Project Performance	
January 1 – December 31, 2027	

**Please note that these dates are subject to change.*



♦ Reviewing Your Proposal

Revisión de su propuesta

◆ Components

Componentes de propuesta

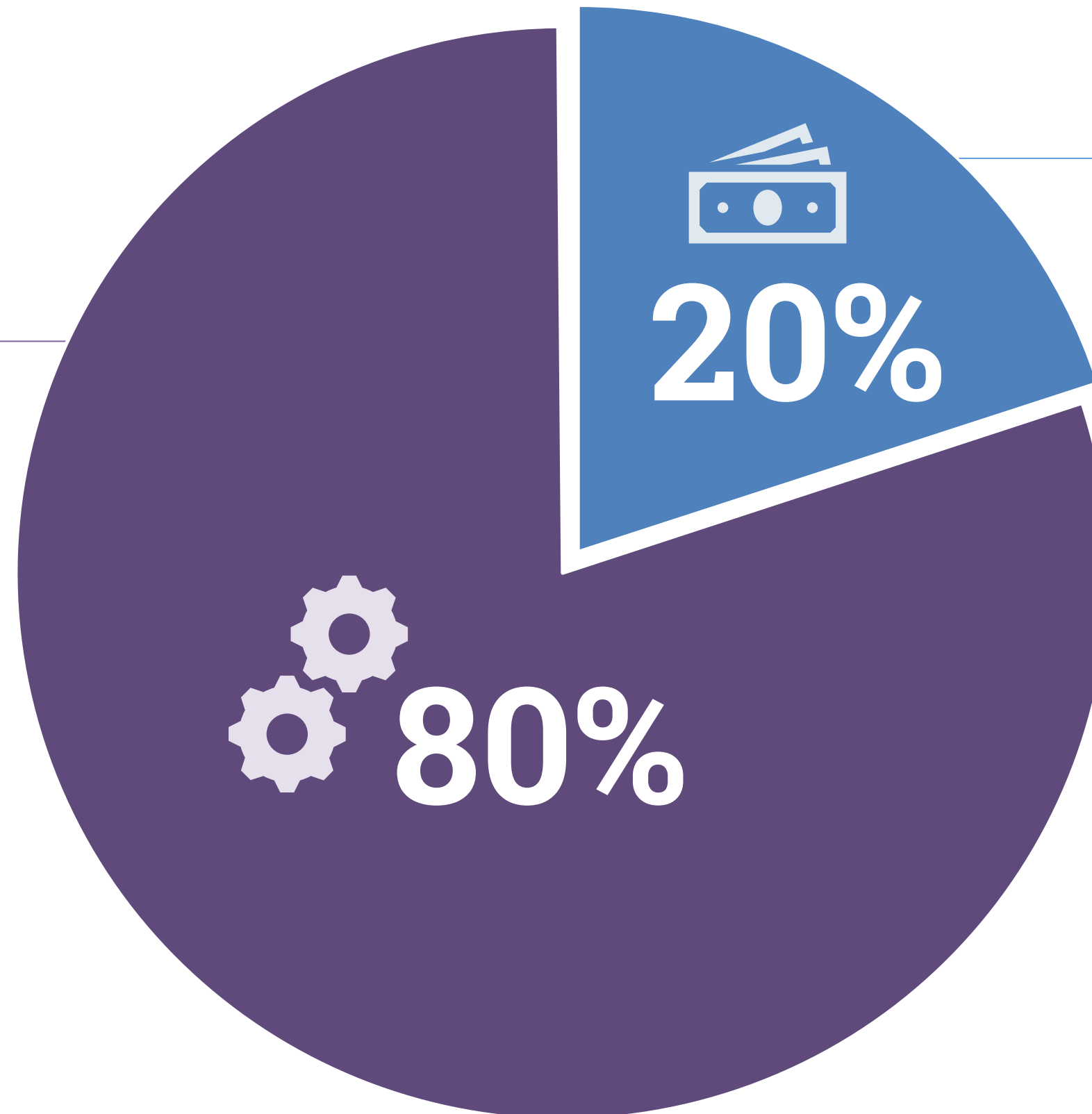


◆ TECHNICAL NARRATIVE

NARRATIVA TÉCNICA

12 pages max

- Cover Page | Portada
- Table of Contents
- Narrative



BUDGET

PRESUPUESTO

5 pages max

- Summary (Table) | Resumen
- Description (Narrative)

◆ Components

Componentes de propuesta



ANNEX

DOCUMENTOS DE RESPALDO

10 pages max

- Support Letters | Cartas de apoyo
- Bios/resume
- Additional materials



A Reviewer's Perspective

La Perspectiva de un evaluador

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Descripción del programa

Clear goals & objectives, and key activities to accomplish them

Can you envision what the program will look like and how it will be managed by the HEIs?



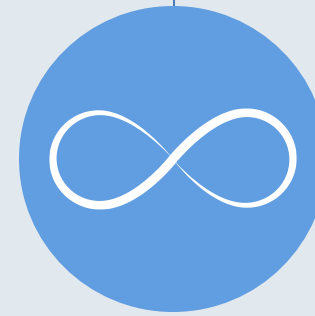
Metas y objetivos claras, y actividades claves para lograrlas

¿Se puede imaginar cómo será el programa y cómo lo gestionarán las IES?

Thoughtful plan for continuing to
implement after 100K grant

Commitment toward the program
and partnership

Involvement from all partner/s



Plan bien elaborado para continuar
con la implementación después de
la subvención 100K

Muestra compromiso hacia el
programa y la alianza

Participación de todas las IES

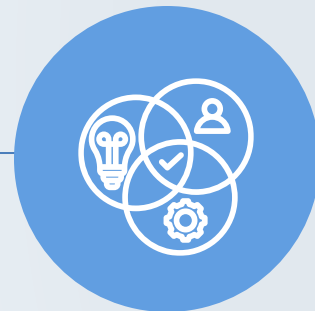
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Plan de sostenibilidad

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CAPACITY, CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES



Capacidad, desafíos y oportunidades

Capacity to implement successfully

What study abroad challenges are they trying to overcome with the help of 100K grant funding?

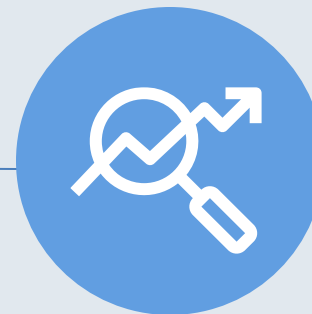
Capacidad para implementar exitosamente

¿Qué desafíos de estudiar en el extranjero están tratando de superar con la ayuda de una subvención 100K?

MONITORING & EVALUATION PLAN

Measurement of program success **and** student learning

Include outcomes, not only outputs



Plan de seguimiento y evaluación

Medición del éxito del programa **y** aprendizaje de estudiantes

Incluye resultados y no sólo productos

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BUDGET

Presupuesto

Summary

Detailed, clear & easy to understand

Calculations/cost estimates

HEI cost-share identified

Narrative

Explains cost items/activities and relevancy

Cost items/activities here are mentioned in technical narrative

Resumen

Detallada, clara y fácil de comprender

Cálculos/estimaciones de costos

Identificación de contribuciones IES

Narrativa

Explica los costos/actividades y relevancia

Todos los costos/actividades aquí están mencionados en la narrativa técnica

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ANNEXES

Documentos de respaldo



Required:

- ✓ Letters of support
 - *Individuals outside project team (i.e., International/Global Office, SIOs, etc.)*
- ✓ Résumés/biographies of project team

...from **all** partnering HEIs.

Obligatorio:

- ✓ Cartas de apoyo
 - *Personas ajenas al equipo del proyecto (e.j., la Oficina Internacional/Global, funcionarios internacionales de alto rango, etc.)*
- ✓ Biografía/CV del equipo del proyecto

...de **todas** las IES asociadas.

◆ Checklist

◆ Lista de verificación



☐ Make sure reviewers are not left with questions about the design and purpose of your

☐ Asegúrese de que los evaluadores no tengan preguntas sobre el diseño/propósito de su propuesta.

☐ **Use the 100K templates.**

- M&E Plan
- Budget Summary

☐ **Utilice las plantillas proporcionadas.**

- Plan de seguimiento y evaluación
- Resumen del presupuesto

☐ **Refer to sample documents.**

- Budget Narrative
- Sample 100K Proposal

☐ **Consulte documentos de muestra.**

- Narrativa presupuestaria
- Muestra de propuesta 100K

☐ **Make sure that all proposal documents are in English.**

☐ **Asegúrese de que todos los documentos estén en inglés.**

Available at:
100kstrongamericas.org/app-format/

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◆ Submission Process

Proceso de presentación

STEP 1



Fill out the form.

Llene el formulario de solicitud.

Test University| - Order by: Newest to Oldest ▾

Please complete the following tasks. When you have completed all steps, it will no longer state "Action Required." Instead, it will show "Complete".

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.

There are 41 hours remaining to submit this.

Submit

Action Required

Open

Action Required

Open

www.100kstrongamericas.org/application-portal/

Application Submission

STEP 2



Save your progress.

Guarda su progreso.

Application Submission

[Homepage](#) > [Test University - Fund](#) > Application Form DraftWelcome, 100kstrongamericas@partners.net

Application Form ▾

[Save Draft](#)[Mark Complete](#)[Close](#)

Please complete the Application Form below. You can save as a draft and return later to complete by clicking "**Save Draft**".

When you are ready to submit this application, please click the "**Mark Complete**" button.

For questions or issues regarding the application process, contact 100kstrongamericas@partners.net.

Record Label

Have you registered in the 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Network? *

Registration is free and required before applying to any of our open grant competitions.

☒ Yes☐ No

Please confirm the Innovation Fund Grant Competition for which are you applying.

* Indicates a required field

STEP 3



Request Partner Info.

Solicite información de socio(s).

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Application Submission

STEP 4



Send reminders.

Envíe recordatorios a su(s) socio(s).

Application
Submission

[Homepage](#) > [Test University - Fund](#) > Partner Profile Request

Welcome, 100kstrongamericas@partners.net

Close

Partner Profile Request

Please use this screen to send and track your request(s) to your partner institution(s).
Click the "+New Request" button to begin. [Click here to view a copy of the form that your partner\(s\) must complete.](#)
For questions about this form or process, please contact 100kstrongamericas@partners.net.

The minimum required requests have been sent. Please check back to ensure they have been completed.

Minimum required: 1Maximum allowed: 100Show: All+ New Request

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Click the  icon on the top right.



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FAQs about the Application Portal

A. Logging In

What email address should I use to sign up/create an account?
We recommend that you **use your professional email address** (i.e., the email address given to you by your higher education institution) to create your account.

What if I forgot my password?
You can always reset your password by clicking on the “**Forgot your password?**” link on the left-hand side, under the Password field.

I never received the email to reset my password. What do I do?
First, check your Spam/Junk folder. If you do not see the email, try the steps below.

In your email client settings, add the following email and IP addresses to allowed email domains and IP addresses:

1. no-reply@webportalapp.com
2. 192.254.120.205
3. 167.89.33.220

**Make sure the above are not included on a "Deny List" or "Blocked List."*

If the email to reset your password still does not arrive after completing these steps, please contact 100kstrongamericas@partners.net.

Can multiple members of my proposal team create a profile?
Yes, anyone and any number of people can create an account and a profile; however, **the system allows only one (1) email address to be associated with each Application**. If your proposal is selected for funding, this email address will be used to log-in and access the award documents. For this reason, we recommend that, when possible, you provide an email address that can be shared across the project team at your institution.

As a partner institution in a proposal, do I need to create a profile too?
No, partner institutions do not need to create a profile; however, you will be required to complete an institutional profile form as part of the application. See Section D below for more information on the required Partner Information Request form.

Application
Submission

FAQs: Submission

Preguntas frecuentes: Presentación



1. Can an institution submit more than one proposal?

¿Una institución puede presentar más de una propuesta?

2. Who should create the application account and submit the proposal?

¿Quién debe crear la cuenta de la solicitud y presentar la propuesta?

◆ Past ◆ Webinars

Seminarios web
anteriores

01

HOW TO APPLY & PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

Overview of the
Application
Portal

How to Identify
the Right
Institutional
Partners

Lessons Learned
in Partnership
Building from a
100K Grantee

CÓMO POSTULARSE Y ESTABLECER ALIANZAS

Cómo navegar el
Portal de
solicitud

Cómo identificar
los socios
institucionales
adecuados

Lecciones
aprendidas sobre
la creación de
alianzas por
parte de un
beneficiario 100K

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Seminarios web
anteriores

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**TIPS &
STRATEGIES
FOR
DEVELOPING A
PROPOSAL**

Proposal
Evaluation
Criteria

Build A 100K
Proposal: Tips &
Considerations

Grantee Lessons
Learned: 100K
Proposal
Development/
Program Design

**CONSEJOS Y
ESTRATEGIAS
PARA
DESARROLLAR
UNA PROPUESTA**

Criterios de
evaluación de
propuestas

Construir su
propuesta 100K:
Consejos y
consideraciones

Lecciones
aprendidas: Diseño
de programas/
Elaboración de la
propuesta 100K

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Questions?
¿Preguntas?

Please submit questions via the Q&A box in your Zoom window.

Envíe sus preguntas a través del cuadro de Q&A.

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Questions? ¿Preguntas?



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Consulte este enlace para obtener respuestas a las preguntas **más comunes**.



www.100kstrongamericas.org/questions/

Envíe sus preguntas **adicionales**.



Thank you!



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