

100,000 Strong in the Americas (100K) Innovation Fund

Resources for Finding a Partner Institution

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EducationUSA Advisors have a deep knowledge and network of higher education institutions in both the U.S. and their host country. They are excellent sources of recommendations and introductions to potential partners, both for U.S. institutions seeking partners in Latin America or the Caribbean, and vice-versa.



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100K Innovation Network

What is the Innovation Network?

The Innovation Network is a community of individuals, higher education institutions, consortia, and educational organizations throughout the Americas that are committed to increasing academic exchange between the United States and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Benefits of Joining the Innovation Network

In the Innovation Network, you can expect to:

- **RECEIVE** messages about upcoming Innovation Fund grant competitions and events;
- **SEARCH** the Innovation Network to find institutional partners;
- **ENGAGE** in the virtual forum by interacting with colleagues;
- **APPLY** for Innovation Fund grants;
- **REGISTER** for webinars and/or workshops; and
- **EXPLORE** other tools designed to help you share with, learn from, and connect with new partners.

How to Join/Log-in



Visit <https://www.100kstrongamericas.org/join/>

Guide to Searching the Group Directory

With more than 4,000 members representing over 1,700 higher education institutions across the Americas, the Innovation Network serves as a great tool to search for potential partners. Institutions can be filtered by various criteria.

1. Navigate to the “100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Network” welcome page
2. Click on “Directory”
3. To filter data, click on “Start New Search”
 - a. Basic Search tab: This is the default tab, which will allow you to type the search criteria (e.g., name of institution, person, area of interest, location, etc.) in the search field, or select the country from the dropdown menu.
 - b. Advanced Search tab: This provides additional fields to expand/narrow your search by filtering according to:
 - City/Town, Postal Code
 - Institution type
 - Enrollment profile
 - Size and setting

Forums

For each Innovation Fund competition, the Innovation Fund team creates a “forum” within the 100K group where interested parties can post and reply to each other in order to connect.

1. Navigate to the “100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Network” welcome page
2. Click on “Forums”
3. Click on the relevant grant competition



100K Webinars & Workshops

Register to get access to participant lists

As part of the registration process for 100K webinars and workshops, you can choose to share certain information aimed to help us connect you with others who are seeking partners, such as your name, institution, country, academic areas of interest, and whether you are interested in forming a partnership. If you consent, this information will then be shared with webinar/workshop attendees so that they may reach out to others on the list to explore potential partnerships. Please note that providing this information upon registration is entirely voluntary and the Innovation Fund team will not share any personally identifiable information unless explicit consent is given.

Participate in “live” networking

The Innovation Fund team will also make an effort to connect individuals during these events, when possible, by providing participants the opportunity to share their institution and the academic areas in which they would be interested in collaborating. Time allowing, breakout rooms will be created to allow participants to connect with each other in a smaller setting.



Regional Conferences

There are various regional higher education conferences, events, and activities that take place throughout the year—organized and hosted by higher education institutions, consortia, associations, international education-focused NGOs, the private sector, and government agencies—that convene other international educators. These are opportunities to grow your network and meet colleagues and potential partners at other institutions.

U.S.-based Organizations/Consortia:

- [NAFSA: Association for International Educators](#)
- [Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration \(CONAHEC\)](#)
- [Community Colleges for International Development \(CCID\)](#)
- [Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities \(HACU\)](#)
- [Association of International Education Administrators \(AIEA\)](#)
- [College Consortium for International Studies \(CCIS\)](#)
- [American Association of Community Colleges \(AACC\)](#)
- [Diversity Abroad](#)
- [Association of American Colleges & Universities \(AACU\)](#)
- [National Education Association \(NEA\)](#)
- [American Council on Education \(ACE\)](#)
- [Latin American Studies Association \(LASA\)](#)

Latin American/Caribbean-based Organizations/Consortia:

- [Associação Nacional das Universidades Particulares \(ANUP\)](#), Brazil
- [Associação Brasileira de Educação Internacional \(FAUBAI\)](#), Brazil
- [Consortio de Universidades del Estado de Chile \(CUECH\)](#), Chile
- [Asociación Colombiana de Universidades\(ASCUN\)](#), Colombia
- [Red Colombiana de Internacionalización \(RCI\)](#), Colombia
- [Consejo Superior Universitario Centroamericano \(CSUCA\)](#)
- [Asociación Nacional de Universidades e Instituciones de Educación Superior \(ANUIES\)](#), Mexico
- [Unión de Universidades de América Latina y el Caribe \(UDUAL\)](#)



Local Resources

Connect with other offices or departments within your institution

The staff at your institution's study abroad, international affairs, sponsored research office, as well as other academic departments, may have relationships with international institutions. It may prove helpful to consult with them as you seek a partner.

Explore your personal networks

Institutional partnerships often start with a personal relationship. Reach out to faculty or administrators in your personal network to explore interest in collaborating.

And when all else fails...



Contact the 100K Innovation Fund team

Contact the Innovation Fund team at 100kstrongamericas@partners.net to receive additional guidance on how to find a partner institution. In your email, please include:

- Name and country of your institution
- Thematic/academic areas of interest
- 100K grant competition of interest