



INNOVATION FUND

**Leveraging Public-Private Partnerships
for Hemispheric Collaboration and Competitiveness**

2021 AIEA Conference – February 15, 2021





The *100,000 Strong in the Americas*
INNOVATION FUND mobilizes **Public-Private** commitments to provide **GRANTS** to higher education institutions using a **WHOLESALE APPROACH**

The **INNOVATION FUND** creates new **PARTNERSHIPS** between HEIs in the U.S. and the region to create more student exchange/training opportunities throughout the Americas.

INNOVATION FUND ADVANTAGES

- **Competition** – Race-to-the-top sparks innovation
- **Sustainability** – Grants stimulate new & sustainable institutional partnerships
- **Scale** – Since January 2014, public/private sector collaboration has generated \$12.4 million to support the Innovation Fund. As of September 2020, a total of 232 grants have been awarded to teams of 477 higher education institutions in 25 countries and 49 U.S. states and territories
- **Return on Investment** – Average match of \$1.80 for each donor/partner dollar contributed to the Innovation Fund
- **Proven Impact**– On average, one student has access to new international training opportunity for every \$1,300 invested

Current Innovation Fund Partners



Innovation Fund Highlights: 2014-2021



243 grants awarded to teams of **491** HEIs



25 countries and **49** U.S. states



9,800 students and counting



Over **970** grant proposals submitted since January 2014



2,300 HEIs in Innovation Network and counting



Over **\$14** million invested by public and private sectors to support the Innovation Fund since 2014



Thus far, **\$6.4** million granted to **243** teams -- matched by **\$11.2** million from HEIs -- resulting in **1.75x match**

2020 MEXICO-U.S. INNOVATION FUND GRANT COMPETITION

Eligibility

Higher Education Institutions in Mexico and the United States

General Themes

Public Health, Distance / Virtual Education, Biochemistry,
Green/Renewable Energy, Economic Empowerment of Young
People, Sustainable Agriculture, Sustainable Construction, Water,
Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), and Science, Technology,
Engineering, and Math (STEM)

Application Period:

September 17, 2020-February 15, 2021

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THE U.S.-COLOMBIA GRANT COMPETITION FOR 21ST CENTURY HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

Eligibility: All higher education institutions in the United States and Colombia

General Themes: Convergent Technologies, Oceanography and Hydrobiological Resources, Creative and Cultural Industries, Sustainable Energy, Social Sciences, Life and Health Sciences, Basic Space, Science/Astronomy, Biotechnology, Bioeconomics and Environment, Public Health, Distance/Virtual Education, Sustainable Design, Architecture and Construction, Economic Empowerment, Sustainable Agriculture, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

Application Period:

October 29, 2020 – March 15, 2021



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Other Current and Upcoming 100K Innovation Fund Grant Opportunities

United States - Colombia Innovation Fund Competition – October 2020 – March 15, 2021



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United States-Central America Innovation Fund Competition – March 2021



Central America + D.R.



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United States - Brazil Innovation Fund Competition – Winter/Spring 2021



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