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

[Logos of various 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


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

United States-Central America Innovation Fund Competition – March 2021

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