The 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund mobilizes PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS to provide GRANTS to higher education institutions using a

WHOLESALE APPROACH

The Innovation Fund creates opportunities for LEVERAGED PARTNERSHIPS between HEIs that demonstrate sustainable innovations to INCREASE STUDENT EXCHANGE throughout the Americas.
Key Advantages

• **Competition** – “Race to the Top” sparks innovation

• **Sustainability** – Investing in partnerships at the institutional level

• **Scale** – $9 million raised ($3.1 million granted out so far), 147 grants, 288 higher education institutions, 25 countries

• **Return on Investment** – Average match of $1.5 for every donor dollar invested

• **Proven Impact** – On average, a student studies abroad for every $1,300 invested
Increasing Study Abroad and Partnerships: “Ninety-six percent of respondents reported that new student populations studied abroad because of the grant, and every respondent indicated that the grants created or strengthened university partnerships for study abroad.”

Expanding Capacity and Lowering Barriers: “Institutions pointed to changes that continue to support expansion of study abroad, including infrastructure support, community connections, new partnerships, and new curricular models as important indicators of success.”

Sustainability: “More than 60 percent of the grant activities were continued two years after the external grant funding ended and at least 50 percent expected the activities to continue in year four.”

Ripple Effect: “Of those institutions that did not receive grant funding, one-third nonetheless continued to develop the study abroad program.”
1,015 Institutions have applied for grants since January 2014

1,733 HEIs have joined the Innovation Network

147 Innovation Fund Grants to 288 HEIs in 25 countries

$9 million in contributions from the public / private sectors

$3.1 million has been granted, matched by $4.65 million from HEIs, resulting in 1.5x match
Current Competitions

U.S.-Argentina Workforce Development Competition

*Thanks to the generous support of the Chevron Corporation and the U.S. Department of State*

**Eligibility and Themes:** Higher education institutions in the United States and Argentina—that increase student mobility in fields of Economic Development and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), with a special emphasis on energy, geosciences, and national resource management—are eligible to compete.

**Application Period:** November 16, 2017 – April 30, 2018

Apply at [www.100kStrongAmericas.org](http://www.100kStrongAmericas.org)
Current Competitions

Innovation Between Colombia and the United States - “Rural Education for Peace”

Thanks to the generous support of ICETEX and the U.S. Department of State

Eligibility and Themes: All higher education institutions in the United States and Colombia are eligible to compete. Proposed projects should increase student mobility and training in fields that promote “Rural Education for Peace,” with special emphasis in areas related to the productive sector (i.e. agricultural development, industry, agroindustry, services), technological innovation, applied engineering, ecotourism, entrepreneurship or in fields otherwise related to rural development.

Application Period: February 26, 2018 – April 26, 2018

Apply at www.100kStrongAmericas.org

Special thanks to ETS TOEFL, which will provide the winning Colombian institutions with TOEFL iBT Teacher Development Workshops for language teachers, as well as ETS staff consultation and support to advance their internationalization and bilingualism goals.
Current Innovation Fund Partners

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This year’s workshop combines general plenaries and interactive sessions to provide attendees with opportunities to exchange knowledge, strategies, and practices to creating and building lasting institutional collaborations across the Americas. Attendees will also hear from past and current Innovation Fund grant recipients, the Innovation Fund team and its partners, including U.S. Embassy and EducationUSA representatives, on how to expand access to international opportunities for students, faculty, and administrators in the Western Hemisphere, and how to compete in upcoming Innovation Fund grant competitions by focusing on the very partnerships that can lead to the success of exchange programs.

http://www.100kstrongamericas.org/events/
The Higher Education Partnership conference takes an innovative approach to internationalization, bringing together administrators and leaders in Higher Education along with international program managers from across the Americas in a personalized and accessible format. Our event offers the unique opportunity to arrange 1-on-1 meetings and participate in small focus groups in a comfortable and dynamic environment that is unmatchable.

http://www.partners.net/hep2018

HEP 2017 Highlights:
- 10+ sponsors
- 88 exhibitors speakers
- 53 sessions
- 20 signed partnership agreements
- 12 participating countries across the western hemisphere
- 80% participants returning for HEP2018!
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