



Innovation Fund:

**Jumpstarting Strategic Higher
Education Partnerships and
Student Exchange**



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The **INNOVATION FUND**
mobilizes **Public-Private sector**
investments to provide
GRANTS to higher education
institutions with

WHOLESALE APPROACH

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





Current Innovation Fund Partners





Innovation Fund Advantages

- **Competition** – Race-to-the-top sparks innovation
- **Sustainability** – Grants stimulate new + sustainable institutional partnerships
- **Scale** – Since 2014, public/private sector collaboration has generated \$10.5 million to support the **Innovation Fund**. As of **March 2019**, a total of **198 grants have been awarded to 370+ teams of HEIs in 25 countries and 42 U.S. states**
- **Return on Investment** – Average match of \$1.8 for each donor / partner dollar contributed to Innovation Fund
- **Proven Impact** – On average, one student has access to new international training opportunity for every \$1,300 invested.



Leading Innovation Fund country winners in partnership with U.S. (since 2014)

Mexico	29%
Colombia	23%
Argentina	12%
Peru	12%
Brazil	11%
Chile	8%
Cuba	5%
Costa Rica	3%
Guatemala	2%
Dominican Republic	2%





Benefits for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

- **Receive Funding:** Teams of HEIs compete for **Innovation Fund** grants to implement exchange programs to provide more students with access to **training** opportunities that improve technical + linguistic + cross-cultural skills – critical for today's **workforce**.
- **Create Partnerships:** Grants support new or existing HEI partnerships to work together to increase short-term dynamic student **exchange and training programs in the Americas**
- **Maximize Visibility:** HEIs collaborate with U.S. Department of State, Embassies, NGOs, companies, foundations, academic **networks to stimulate regional education cooperation**
- **Increase Capacity and Access:** Provide teams of HEI with new opportunities to implement new programs in multiple academic disciplines **to gain knowledge, training, skills**

U.S. - Brazil Innovation Fund Winning Partnerships



27 U.S. HEIs + 22 Brazilian HEIs



- Women's Rights and Women's empowerment
- Environmental Impacts of Ammonia
- Environmental Engineering
- River Ecology and River Management
- Authentic Engineering Design
- Renewable Energy and Bioenergy
- Brazilian Portuguese for Foreign Students
- Agricultural and Biological Engineering
- Evolution of Coastal Systems

Brazil & U.S. Partnership Highlight

UWPLATT-UNESP Guaratinguetá International Exchange Student Initiative



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UNIVERSIDADE ESTADUAL PAULISTA

“JÚLIO DE MESQUITA FILHO”



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
PLATTEVILLE

Four students from UNESP Guaratinguetá travelled to UW-Platt and presented a workshop to the campus community on topics related to sustainability engineering, such as solar-wind hybrids systems and hydrogen production.

Five students from UW-Platt to UNESP Guaratinguetá to work alongside their Brazilian counterparts to learn and work on renewable energies, bioenergy, and green buildings research areas. These students also presented during the workshop on renewable energies in Brazil. This was the first time in South America for these students.

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Welcome to the *100,000 Strong in the Americas* Innovation Network Group Homepage!

Here you can:

- **SEARCH** the Innovation Network to find institutional partners;
- **ENGAGE** in the virtual forum by interacting with colleagues;
- **APPLY** for innovation grants and learn about past winning innovations by visiting the Initiative's public site: www.100kstrongamericas.org/educate;
- **EXPLORE** other tools in this group including the Group Directory, Calendar, Blogs, Forums, and the Photo Gallery, all designed to help you share with, learn from, and connect to new partners.

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NEXO GLOBAL INNOVATION COMPETITION FOR CREATIVE AND CULTURAL INDUSTRIES

All higher education institutions in the United States and Colombia that promote student academic exchange and training through internships and practicums in research-creation.

General Themes: Arts, Culture and Heritage, Digital Media and Software



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Application Period: February 19, 2019 – May 15, 2019

Additional requirements can be found in the RFP.



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