

Partnership 2020

Partnership 2020: Leveraging US-India Cooperation in Higher Education to Harness Economic Opportunities and Innovation project goal is to strengthen the strategic partnership between the US and India through collaboration in higher education, research on key issue areas, related economic growth, and people-to-people linkages. This is a three-year project with most of the activities taking place in 2019, 2020 and 2021. Our Project team is experienced in US- India relations. Work products will include a searchable database of US-India university partnerships, policy recommendations on enhancing US-India partnerships, practical guide to successful partnerships, and grants to eligible US universities to enhance current or start new partnerships with Indian universities. Partnership 2020 is a collaborative agreement between University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) and US Department of State (DOS) with Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) playing a key advisory role.

Access the Database Website: <https://partnership2020.org>

Programs listed with the website will be notified about Fulbright program opportunities and new fellowships and grant opportunities. International programs and initiatives that connect US and Indian universities are listed on the website.

Request for Proposals: Funding Available

There are grants available to eligible US universities (see next section for eligibility requirements). These awards will range \$10,000 up to \$75,000. Applicants are encouraged to consider smaller award amounts, designing projects that leverage other funds. For smaller awards, the time lines for implementation may be shorter, while larger awards may be longer. Depending on dollar amounts, there will be approximately five to ten awards available during the two-year project period.

Key Considerations and Eligibility:

This list of considerations is provided as a guide to help applicants develop responsive, robust program strategies that will have the intended impact.

1. Eligible applicants will be public or private US universities with non-profit status.
2. Although the selection panel will review any eligible application, we favor submissions from US universities that partner with Indian universities in “tier-two” or smaller cities and we will look for some geographic parity to awardees both in the US and India. Proposals should also consider how to integrate US and Indian sub-national entities such as states or municipal governments.
3. Applicant can be a department of an eligible US university or the institution as a whole, and partnering with a department of an eligible Indian university or the institution as a whole.
4. An important consideration in the selection will be how the grant will impact economic development, job creation, and commercial links between the US and India.
5. We strongly encourage applicants to focus on one or more of ten strategic areas:
 - 1) Public health
 - 2) Sustainable agriculture
 - 3) Advanced engineering
 - 4) Life sciences
 - 5) Artificial intelligence
 - 6) Renewable energy
 - 7) Financial technology
 - 8) Water management
 - 9) Business and Innovation
 - 10) Regional security

We strongly encourage those US and Indian universities to consider how to leverage existing funds for their partnerships in order to enhance the tie-up during this Partnership 2020 grant. Showing how you leverage other funding will strengthen your application.

For More Information, Please Visit:

<https://www.unomaha.edu/international-studies-and-programs/engagement/partnership2020/request-for-proposals.php>



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