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# Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund

The U.S. Department of State's Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF) project competition supports exchange alumni initiatives that promote shared values and innovative solutions to global challenges. Since its inception in 2011, AEIF has funded more than 1,100 exchange alumni-led projects around the world. AEIF is designed to increase the impact of U.S. government-funded exchange programs by supporting exchange program alumni as they develop and implement projects that advance U.S. foreign policy priorities and promote shared interests.








## AEIF PROJECTS MUST ACHIEVE AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

- Convene alumni from different exchange programs to build or expand an alumni network capable of working together on common interests and increasing regional and global collaboration of alumni
- Strengthen the relationship between alumni and the U.S. government to work together on activities that address shared goals and challenges
- Support alumni as they develop their leadership capacity and implement projects in their communities for maximum impact

## REQUIREMENTS & FAST FACTS

- AEIF is funded by the Office of Alumni Affairs, but project proposal solicitations are managed locally by Missions. Funding may range from $5,000 to $35,000.
- All project activities must take place outside of the United States and its territories. Proposals must directly support U.S. foreign policy priorities.
- Cross-border projects can be submitted. These proposals must follow additional guidelines.
- The project team must include at least two international alumni. U.S. alumni can participate as team members, but not project leads.

## SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL?

Reach out to your nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate for more information.