

U.S.-Kazakhstan University Partnerships Grants Program

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PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM



Grant Overview and Eligibility

Purpose of Grants

Funded by the U.S. Mission to Kazakhstan, the U.S.-Kazakhstan University Partnerships Grants Program builds capacity for substantive international engagement between higher education institutions in the United States and Kazakhstan.

The goal of the project is to support Kazakhstan's Ministry of Education's tri-lingual education policy by administering five awards to U.S. universities that will provide opportunities for Kazakhstani universities to adapt and modernize their curriculum in English as a foreign language and English in STEM. These awards will be granted to U.S. higher education institutions to help establish new partnerships between higher education institutions, strengthen educational ties between the two countries, and bolster English-language programming.

Administered by American Councils for International Education (American Councils), these grants are designed to adapt policies, practices, and administrative structures for teaching and learning English and English for special purposes in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); and modify teaching and curriculum for student outcomes in those areas.

Awards may support travel for faculty and technical experts, honoraria, materials, and conference fees for projects in the U.S. and Kazakhstan that advance the following program goals to:

1. Improve curriculum and pedagogy of English and STEM teachers, and integrate English into their courses; particularly in regions outside of Nur-Sultan and Almaty; and
2. Facilitate, implement, and measure five U.S.-Kazakhstan partnerships that adapt policies, practices, and administrative structures for English and STEM education and adapt pedagogy and curriculum for student outcomes in those areas.

Eligibility

U.S. faculty members and administrators are eligible to apply for partnership awards. Projects that advance current U.S.-Kazakhstan university connections or establish new partnerships, particularly in regions outside of Almaty and Nur-Sultan, are encouraged. Projects may involve a consortium of two or more Kazakhstani institutions. Applications must demonstrate commitment from a Kazakhstan institution. American Councils is ready to support matchmaking among interested institutions of higher education.

Awards

Five (5) grants to accomplish project goals will be awarded. Each finalist will be awarded a \$40,000 project grant to cover international and domestic travel, conference fees, materials, supplies, honoraria, and other costs associated with carrying out partnership activity. All grants are awarded to U.S. higher education institutions. U.S. higher education institutions may submit more than one proposal. Awards are expected to begin in December 1, 2020, and should be implemented through December 31, 2021.

Criteria for Evaluation

American Councils will notify applicants on awards by the end of November 2020. American Councils will evaluate applications based on:

1. Project concept (including readiness of partners to engage virtually and use online tools and resources);
2. Personnel (including experience and engagement in Kazakhstan or Central Asia; international experience);
3. Impact and sustainability; and
4. Budget feasibility.

Additional Information

You may download a sample application form and budget template and additional information from <https://unicen.americancouncils.org>. For questions about this program, contact Ksenia Ivanenko, Senior Program Officer, University Partnerships at kivanenko@americancouncils.org and Maksat Koshkarbayev, Program Coordinator at mkoshkarbayev@americancouncils.org.

About the U.S. Partner Applicant

U.S. Partner University

University Name

Primary Contact

Your Name:

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

School Department

Job Title

Mailing Address

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2 (optional):

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Primary Email Address

Alternate Email Address

Telephone(s)

Telephone Number

Telephone Type

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Primary Alternate

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About the Kazakhstan Partner

Kazakhstan Partner University

University Name

Primary Contact

Kazakhstan Contact's Name:

First/Given Name

Middle Name/Patronymic

Last/Family Name

School Department

Job Title

Primary Email

Alternate Email

Telephone(s)

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About the Proposal

Title of Project

Project Start Date

Project End Date

Proposal Information: Project Concept

Present the activities, outcomes, and objectives for the proposed project. Describe the relevance and significance of the proposed project and how it will advance partnership between your institution and a Kazakhstani partner. Provide the planned project timeline and how deliverables will be met. Be sure to describe how the project advances the following program goals to improve curriculum and pedagogy of English and STEM teachers, and integrate English into their courses; adapt policies, practices, and administrative structures for English and STEM education and adapt pedagogy and curriculum for student outcomes in those areas. Preference will be given to projects that integrate a virtual or online component for collaboration and exchange.

Proposal Information: Personnel

Explain the background of the key personnel. Include any previous experience in Kazakhstan or Central Asia, international activity, and/or its relevance to broader international initiatives at your institution. Please describe your preliminary discussions with your potential university partner and define the responsibilities of the U.S. and Kazakhstani personnel involved in the project. Preference will be given to projects that clearly state the involvement of the partner institutions beyond the direct project implementors.

Proposal Information: Impact and Sustainability

Describe the broad impact of the project including plans for monitoring activities, mechanisms to measure progress and success, virtual and online knowledge exchange, outcomes or end products, and sustainability of follow-on activities after the project's end. Describe how the project will contribute to substantive international engagement and strengthen partnerships in higher education between the U.S. and Kazakhstan, and/or contribute to English and STEM education.

Budget

Using the budget template (download the Microsoft Excel file below), prepare a tabular budget with specific line items for the project (e.g., airfare, lodging and per diem, ground transportation, visa fees, materials, salary, honoraria, interpreters and conference fees). Cost-share from the U.S. and Kazakhstani institutions is encouraged, and preference will be given to proposals that demonstrate a significant reduction or waiver of indirect or administrative costs. Include a brief narrative justification of each budget item in the template.

For more information about allowable expenses, consult the U.S. Department of State, Office of Allowances, Foreign Per Diem Rates by Location

Download Budget Template

Upload Budget Spreadsheet

Select File...

Total amount your are requesting

Total cost sharing amount

Total project cost

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Letter of Support

Include a brief, one-page letter of support from the Kazakhstani partner(s) to indicate commitment and support for the project, including readiness of the Kazakhstani partner(s) to use a variety of online resources and willingness to cooperate on virtual instruction and information exchange. The letter should reference the proposed project and Kazakhstani point of contact.

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Supplemental Documentation

Upload Supplemental Items

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Review, Certify, and Submit

Certification

Please read this statement and indicate your certification below:

I certify that:

- I completed this application;
- Everything in this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge; and
- I understand that my application is in no way an offer or a guarantee of an offer for a Central Asia University Partnership Program grant.

Certified by: