
ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT INNOVATION FUND

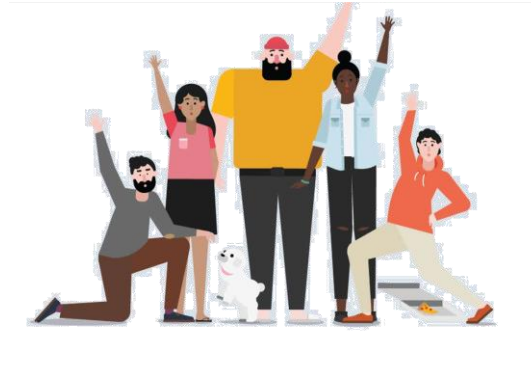
MARCH 1 TO MARCH 29, 2018



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**Somewhere between your exchange program, your school, or your job, you had an idea.
That brilliant, genius idea that is going to change your community and our world.**



**But first, you need a team to help you, and you need funding.
Through AEIF, we help exchange alumni fund community service projects around the world.**

WHAT IS AEIF?

The **Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF)** competition provides small grants – **up to \$25,000** – to teams of past and current participants of U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs to carry out public service projects that utilize skills and knowledge they have gained through their exchange experiences.



Philippines, Go Social, 2017

BECAUSE YOUR IDEAS MATTER

- The State Department created AEIF in 2011 to support alumni initiatives that promote shared values and innovative solutions to global challenges.
- Proposed projects must address one of the five AEIF themes. In 2017, 68 grants of up to \$25,000 were awarded to alumni teams worldwide to support their public service projects.



2018 AEIF THEMES

- **Fostering Economic Prosperity**
- **Building Civic Participation, Good Governance, and Resilient Communities**
- **Advancing Science, Technology, Health, and Innovation**
- **Promoting Inclusion and Educational Opportunity**
- **Empowering Women and Girls**

AEIF ALUMNI TEAMS

- To participate in AEIF, alumni must be members of the International Exchange Alumni (IEA) global online community and form teams of at least **three alumni who are part of IEA.**
- Make sure that you have an active profile on alumni.state.gov!



Indonesia, Community Teacher, 2017

UPDATE YOUR PASSWORD & PROFILE

- To participate in AEIF, you'll have to log on to your International Exchange Alumni (IEA) website account. If you forgot your password, make sure to update it early. Also, update your alumni profile on IEA to make it more appealing to AEIF teams.

GOOD PROFILE

vs

BAD PROFILE



Chang Suh

Home country: United States
ECA Alumni Office Staff

✓ Good Photo (200x200 pixels)

Professional DetailsRecent ActivityProjects

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

CURRENT
Employer: US Department of State
Location: United States, Washington, District of Columbia
Title: Alumni Outreach Specialist
Dates: 2012

EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

MA
Institution: Columbia University in the City of New York
Dates: 2005 - 2008
Focus area: Language & Literature

✓ Qualifications



John Doe

Home country: Ecuador
United States, March, 2012 - August, 2012

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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Enter job positions with relevant dates, beginning with most recent.

EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Enter degrees and professional or academic certifications received with relevant dates, beginning with most recent.

X No Listed Qualifications

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Websites:
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INGREDIENTS FOR STRONG AEIF PROPOSALS

Alumni-Led

- Are alumni the main implementers of the project?
- Is that clear in your proposal?

Clear Goals

- Is the goal of your project clear to the reviewer reading your proposal?
- Are the challenge you wish to address and the purpose of the project specific?

Implementation Steps

- How will you implement your idea?
- Describe in detail the steps you will take to implement your project

Measurable Results

- What are the anticipated results of this project? Does your proposal clearly convey expected results?
- How will you measure the outcomes?

Budget

- Budgets must be submitted by the March 29 deadline.
- Itemize all costs over \$200 and explain their relevance to the project in the budget justification.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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AEIF Launches

AEIF 2018 begins on **March 1**. Gather your teams and ideas! Test your account on IEA and start completing the online application!

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Proposals and Budgets are due

Proposals are due by 14:00 (EDT, i.e. New York) on **March 29**! Submit early and don't be late. Exceptions will not be made.

FINALISTS AND WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

The winners of the 2018 Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund will be announced in August, after all teams have completed all required grant documentation.



Belarus, Social Project, 2017

QUESTIONS ABOUT AEIF?

Check out our **Commonly Asked Questions (CAQs)**
<https://alumni.state.gov/aeif>

For sample proposals, budgets, and guidance on developing your project, **please visit the AEIF Help Desk**
<https://alumni.state.gov/aeif-helpdesk>

Still have more questions? **Participate in webchats with the International Exchange Alumni team on March 7th at 07:00 EST (i.e. New York) and March 21st at 21:00 EDT (i.e. New York).**

