University Support Grants Program 2023/2024

What is the University Support Grants Program?

The University Support Grants Program is an annual grants program that aims to support higher education in Kosovo in their further development. This year, the U.S. Embassy in Kosovo grants $50,000 per project for Higher Education Institutions in Kosovo, supporting HEIs to address social and economic development challenges through research, development, and additional services to support faculty and students. Since the beginning of its existence, almost all public universities, several private universities, and education-related NGOs have benefited from these funds. The primary goal of this program is to catalyze change in higher education institutions in Kosovo.

Who is eligible to submit an application?

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and/or NGOs whose operations are focused on education are eligible to apply. The institution should assign a project coordinator who will be responsible for implementing the project. Eligibility is limited to HEIs and NGOs registered in the Republic of Kosovo.

What are the objectives of this call for proposals? :

Objective 1: Support Higher Education Institutions' (HEIs) activities and innovation initiatives to align their teaching curricula with current labor market needs.

Objective 2: Support activities linked to establishing or functionalizing academic HEI's research and development (R&D) centers.

Objective 3: Support alumni network activities and engagement within HEIs

What is the total funding amount?
A total of **$270,000** will be distributed for this round of the program. Institutions can apply a minimum of **$10,000** and a maximum of **$50,000** for a project. In addition to these funds, institutions/organizations are encouraged to cost-share if they are seeking to implement a large-scale project. Cost-sharing is not mandatory.

When is the project implementation period?
The proposals should be submitted with the intention to begin implementation no longer than two months after the date of submitting the application. Each project should be completed within a period of 12-months from its start date.

What are the application documents?
- Application Form
- Budget Form in ($)
- Budget Justification narrative
- Short bios of team members (Maximum of 3 pages for all the members)

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