

2023/2024 Post Convening Grant

Call for Proposals

Round 2

Supporting Materials

1. [Grant Application and Reporting Guide for Institutions](#)
2. [Application Instructions](#)
3. [Proposal Template](#) and [Budget Template](#)
4. [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Key Dates and Deadlines

| Key Dates | Event |
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| January 26, 2024 | Applications Period Opens |
| February 29, 2024, 11:59 GMT | Application Period Closes, Deadline to Submit |
| May 2024 | Proposal Review Completed |
| August 2024 | Estimated Start Date |

Overview

The Education Collaborative is a network of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Africa committed to transforming systems for improved quality education outcomes. Learn more about the Collaborative's critical areas of transformation: [About the Education Collaborative](#). To drive this goal, institutions receive small grants for innovation and proof-of-concept of ideas, research, and initiatives that support structural and systemic changes to achieve desirable outcomes in their institutions. In consolidating learnings within the past three years, the 2023 June Convening saw participants share successful innovations, best practices, and learnings from 2020 to 2023 that have improved outcomes in their institutions and contexts.

To further deepen the impact of small post-convening grants, the Education Collaborative is announcing a call for proposals for the 2023/2024 post-convening grant. This year's call will focus on proposals that seek to expand the reach of proven solutions and ideas to achieve scale. It will prioritize ongoing projects and proposals that seek to replicate successful models in new institutions and contexts collaboratively.

Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria

To qualify for the grant, proposals must meet the following criteria:

1. A representative of the institution should have attended the 2023 June Convening.
2. In the spirit of consolidating learnings and deepening impact, the proposal should be connected to a completed or ongoing project from previous post-convening or other grants from the Education Collaborative.

3. The proposal should apply lessons, models, tools shared at the June Convening to aid replication or scale through collaborations formed at the June Convening.
4. Priority will be given to proposals that show strong evidence and collaboration to support replicability or adaptation in other countries, institutions, or context as is, or as modified.

How to Apply

Upload your proposal and budget by filling [out this form](#). You are required to submit either a Microsoft Word or PDF document. You are required to adhere strictly to the word limit outlined in the proposal template. Please read the FAQ document before submitting any questions or concerns.

Proposals must be submitted prior to the deadline of February 29, 2024, 11:59 p.m. GMT.

Grant Award

The Education Collaborative will consider proposals for awards of up to USD 5,000 for each project within one (1) year upon receipt of the grant. Application budgets should be commensurate with the scope of work proposed. Grants will be disbursed in two tranches; 60% (Pre-implementation); 40% (Mid-point of implementation).

Review Process

The Post Convening Grant process for this call will be executed in five steps:

Step 1: All proposals are screened for eligibility. Applicants receive feedback on their application status within three weeks after the deadline.

Step 2: Proposals are reviewed by the Grant Review Committee. Reviewers are selected from Africa Higher Education leading experts in the Education Collaborative focal areas: Entrepreneurship, Ethics and Leadership, Faculty Development and Research and Employability.

The criteria considered in these reviews are:

- A clearly stated problem supported with evidence.
- An innovative solution with the potential to deliver significant outcomes or make changes in a system.
- Indicate the specific approaches, models, techniques, strategies, or tools learned from the Convening being applied.
- A clear and realistic framework for monitoring and evaluation.
- A concrete sustainability plan beyond grant funding.

Step 3: Proposals are provided feedback and shortlisted to move on to the next stage in the process. Shortlisted proposal applicants may be invited to submit additional information or modify existing proposal.

Step 4: Final selection of the proposals to be funded by the Education Collaborative. The committee may recommend the proposal be funded, subject to specific modifications which will be negotiated as part of the award process.

Step 5: Institutions sign agreements to receive the first tranche to start the project.

Management of Conflict of Interest

To identify and avoid conflicts of interest among application reviewers, such reviewers will not be permitted to review proposals from institutions with which the reviewer has self-identified conflicts of interest.

Inquiries

We will hold a 30-minute information session every Friday from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm GMT to take inquiries from when applications open until the deadline. [Access the link here](#). For any other concerns, please reach out at education.collaborative@ashesi.edu.gh.