

Sponsor/Title: Department of State (DOS) -- FY 2025 America250 U.S. Speaker Program

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Funding Opportunity Number: DFOP0017496

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Focus: The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition to support the FY 2025 America250 U.S. Speaker Program to help celebrate the U.S. Semiquincentennial, known as America250. U.S. public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501 (c)(3) may submit a proposal to provide administrative and programmatic support for the America250 U.S. Speaker Program. Through this cooperative agreement, ECA will support approximately 530 programs, 310 in-person and 220 virtual, engaging key interlocutors from all regions of the world.

The U.S. Speaker Program is a nimble, rapid response public diplomacy tool that for more than 40 years has built lasting and sustained relationships between U.S. citizen experts and foreign stakeholders that serve the American people. The program recruits dynamic American experts for in-person and/or virtual exchanges that advance America250. Through the Program, American professionals establish and sustain linkages with key foreign audiences and institutions, which directly contribute to economic and educational opportunities for Americans.

The U.S. Speaker Program will partner with overseas embassies and consulates to create and implement in-person and virtual programs with prominent American experts from across the United States. Speakers will interact with foreign decision-makers and other professional interlocutors to explain and leverage American ingenuity, promote economic prosperity that strengthens trade and develops entrepreneurial networks, protect national security, and secure an open and independent media that positions the United States as a leader and partner of choice. These programs will result in a renewed recognition of shared goals, values, and history. Experts will provide the historical context of core democratic pillars and apply them to the realities of today's world.

Required Internal Application: Upload the following information to the Google Form --

<https://forms.gle/Rmwdek5sXLWkH1UQ9> by the internal deadline.

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- Names of ND Collaborators
- Project Summary: A two-page project summary (maximum) that aligns with the NOFO Application Merit Review Criteria 1 outlined on pages 23-24.
 - **Criteria 1: Program Planning:** The proposal should have a detailed agenda and work plan that demonstrates your institution's ability to carry out the program, substantive undertakings and logistical capacity. The plan should follow the program guidelines described in this solicitation and should be likely to provide maximum impact in achieving the proposed results.

Internal Interest Date:

2025-08-11

Sponsor Deadline Date:

2025-08-26

Questions? Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.