

Sponsor/Title: Department of State (DOS) - FY 2026 America First U.S. Speaker Program

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361682>

Funding Opportunity Number: DFOP0017995

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-04-14

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-05-26

Purpose: The America First U.S. Speaker Program recruits dynamic American experts (referred to below as U.S. speakers or program participants) to engage international audiences on topics of strategic importance to the United States. U.S. Speakers represent a broad range of expert knowledge and responsible and informed opinion. The America First U.S. Speaker Program connects with experts by contacting professional organizations, academic institutions, other Department of State and U.S. government entities, reviewing biographical information, conducting online searches or contacting former speakers for suggestions. All exchanges will directly benefit the United States.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/HZiQAUf8SLsZvGp98> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- All ND Collaborators:
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the following: Review Criteria as outlined on page 29, in the NOFO.
 - Quality of the program idea
 - Program planning
 - Ability to achieve program aims and purpose
 - Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

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

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

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.