

Sponsor/Title: Department of State (DOS) - FY 2026 U.S. Creative Tech Exchange

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/362308>

Funding Opportunity Number: DFOP0018285

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

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Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-05-19

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-07-06

Description: The U.S. **Creative Tech Exchange (U.S.CTX)** is a new international arts exchange program that drives economic growth by connecting U.S. creative professionals and technologists with international peers working at the intersection of the arts and emerging technologies, especially artificial intelligence (AI). The goal is to position American technology as a key driver of American innovation, economic, and cultural influence in art and technology. For the purposes of this program, “arts” refers specifically to architecture, creative coding and gaming, fashion, graphic design, music and immersive art such as virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), and mixed reality (MR); but excludes film and television.

U.S.CTX will support **up to 30 participants** through short-term, hands-on activities such as collaborative labs, fellowships, workshops, and public showcases.

ECA will award one U.S.-based nonprofit or educational organization \$1.32 million to design and implement the program in close coordination with ECA and U.S. embassies. Applicants should propose a concept that leverages their strengths and includes clear plans for recruitment, program delivery, and measurable outcomes in creative arts, economic impact, and public diplomacy.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/A2HsoNSsZECADr1C8> 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 pages 30-31 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 Daylight Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.