Limited Submissions

Sponsor: United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-Afghanistan
Program: Promote Scholarship Endowment

Estimated Award Amount: $50,000,000
JHU Nomination Limit: 1

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Deadlines:
Internal Deadline: May 17, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: June 7, 2018

Opportunity Summary:
The Promote Scholarship Endowment (PSE) provides a $50 million endowment to fund higher education scholarships for qualified Afghan women. The USAID Promote program is a suite of mutually supporting activities that work together to assist women in overcoming barriers to their full participation and leadership in Afghan society.

The endowment enhances women’s empowerment and gender equity, by assisting Afghan women in obtaining a university or graduate education, better enabling them to serve in positions of influence in the public and private sectors. To overcome instability and terrorism, Afghanistan requires a balance of voices and perspectives in its national dialog, including those of women.

Given the insecurity and uncertainty prevalent in Afghanistan, USAID views an endowment to provide university scholarships for Afghan women as a means of insulating the endowed organization from unpredictable government and donor agency budget fluctuations, allowing to continue this critical and foundational component of support in a turbulent and insecure environment. Therefore, USAID is investing foreign assistance resources in the PSE to ensure funding stability in the long term, and, in so doing, to contribute to the further development of women’s education and ability to strengthen their country in government and private sector jobs.

USAID intends to award a cooperative agreement to a U.S. based University to implement the PSE. The selected U.S. University will establish a relationship with a local Afghan university (Partnering Afghan University) with the objective of building the local University’ capacity to be able to manage the scholarship programs and endowments, and to promote that institution as one where women may pursue academic studies successfully.

Eligibility & Requirements:
No PI limits.

Internal Nomination Process:
Interested applicants should submit the following documents:

1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet
2. Proposal (maximum of two pages of text only, single spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins) (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material may be included in addition to the 2 pg. text limit)
3. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
4. Budget (two pages maximum)

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