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Good afternoon and greetings from the University of New Mexico,

It gives me great pleasure to announce the call for applications for the **“Innovation Academy for Women of the Americas.”** The Academy is a comprehensive educational program designed to facilitate the academic and career advancement of underrepresented and/or minority women – including indigenous women – in the innovation fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Architecture (STEM+A).

The Academy is supported by the **100K Strong for the Americas Innovation Fund**, and is designed to provide more women in innovation fields the knowledge, skills, abilities, and support to ascend to higher levels of education and leadership within their communities and countries. According to available data from United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s (UNESCO) Women in Science Project, women in Latin America and the Caribbean represent only 36% of researchers in the STEM fields. In Mexico, only 22% of women are at the highest level in the national system of researchers and the percentage is even lower for women in the STEM fields. The Academy is an intervention designed specifically for women of the Americas, which seeks to improve the status and opportunities for underrepresented women in competitive STEM+ A fields. No other program of this kind currently exists.

The University of New Mexico is proud to partner with two notable institutions, *Universidad La Salle México* and *Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán*, on this important and impactful initiative. These distinguished academic partners will host the second and third year summer programming for The Academy in Mexico, during the summers of 2017 and 2018.

I kindly request your support in promoting this call for application among your affiliated students, faculty and partners across the country.

Attached please find the official call for proposals. For more information please visit our website: <http://mexico.unm.edu/>

Thank you in advance for your interest and assistance in circulating this important opportunity.

Respectfully,

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