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WEBINAR #2

From application to evaluation

Open Call 3

Deadline: February 18, 16:00 CET

Join Zoom Meeting:

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CONTENT

1. What you should know to succeed?
2. What's next? *Before, during and after*
3. Eligibility checks
4. US Nodes
5. Q&A

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What you should know to succeed?

CONCEPT

VISION

"*Bright ideas should know* ***no boundaries****…".*

Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation

MISSION

Bridge *new* ***opportunities*** *for collaboration between Europe and the US through* ***an exchange of talent and knowledge****, catalyizng the* NGI

OUTCOME

Human Internet
- links research, policy, and society for the benefit of humans

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AI | Blockchain | Big Data | IoT | 5G | Cyber-security | Cloud/Edge Computing

EXPECTATIONS

1| KNOW-HOW

- Expertise & skills
- NGI relevance
- Experience

2| EXCELLENCE

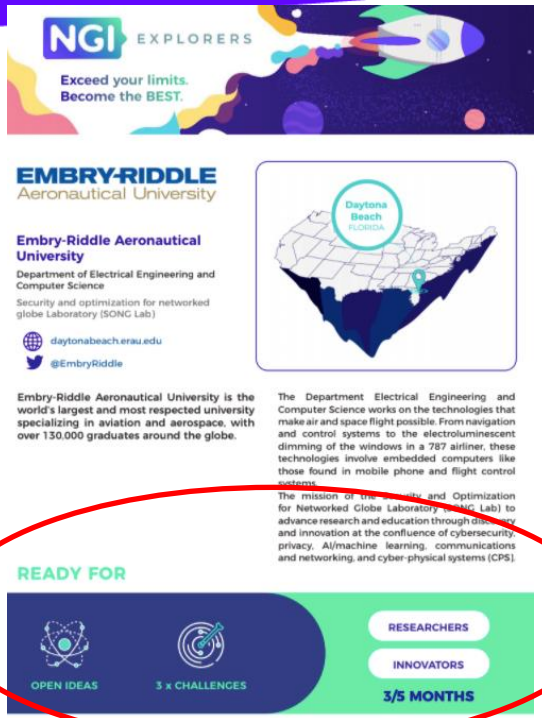
- Technical scope
- Quality & clarity
- Feasibility of the work plan

3| IMPACT

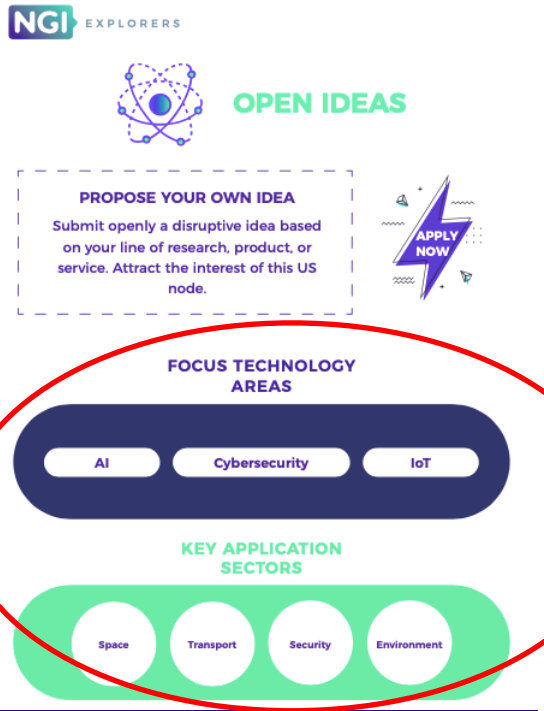
- Technological
- Social
- Economic

Do you match with your US Node requirements and expectations?

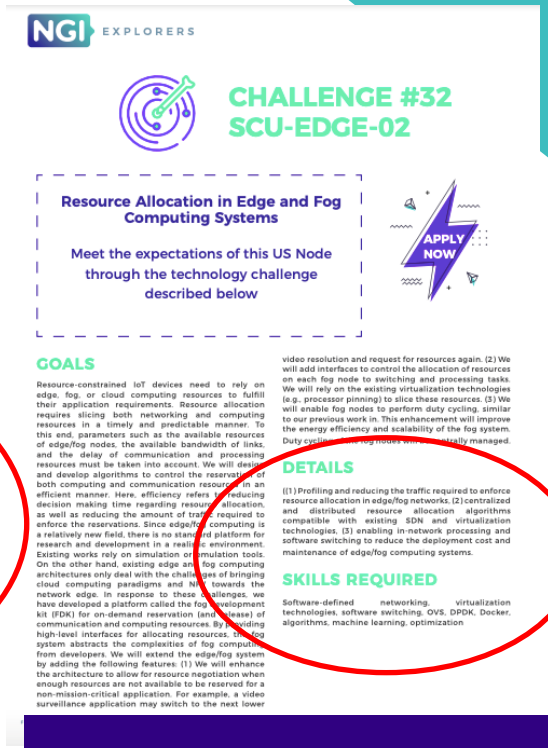
CHECK YOUR US NODE



US Node profile

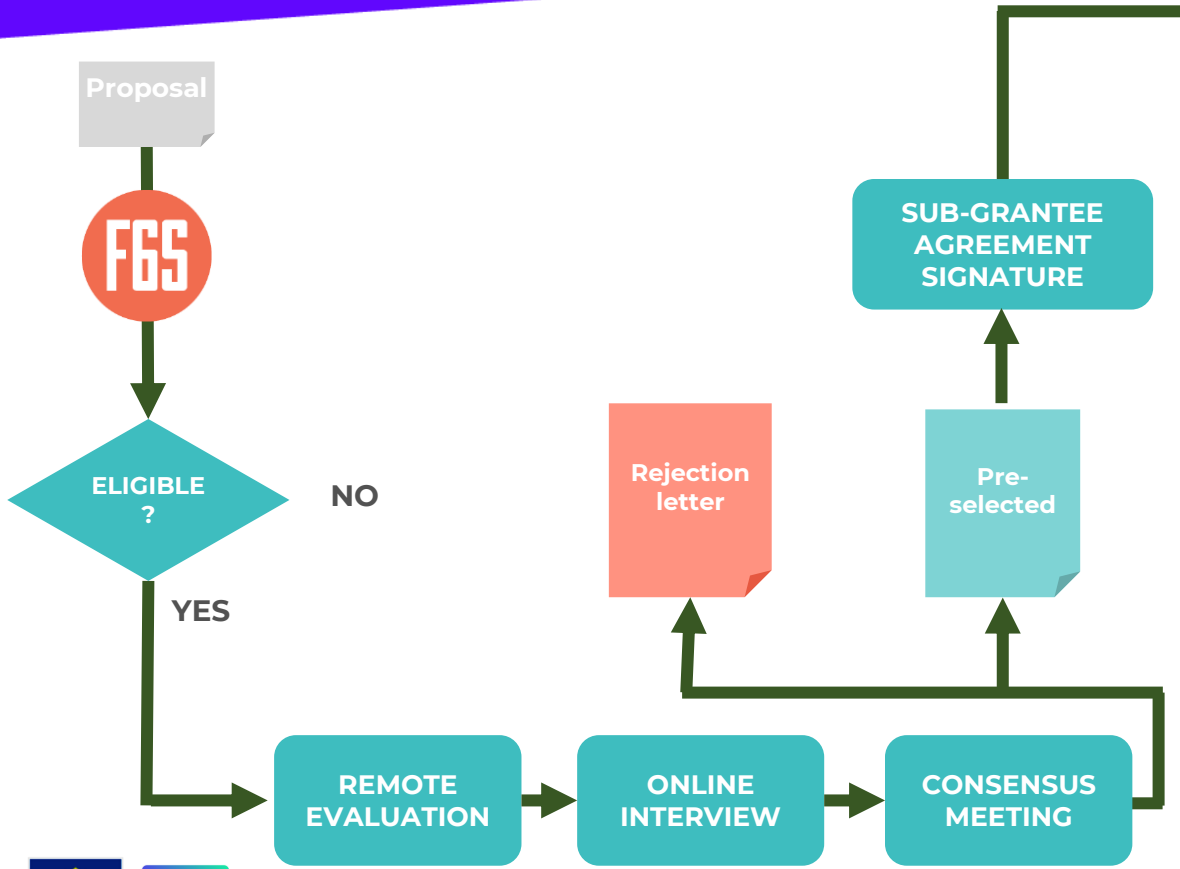


Open Idea profile



Challenge profile

SUCCEED IN EVALUATION



IMMERSION EVENT

May 2021

TECHNOLOGY EXPEDITION

US Exchange Nodes

3-5 months
(in a row between
Jun – Oct 2021)

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What's next?

BEFORE - BOOTCAMP
up to 3 days event

An intense agenda of four “training modules”:

- LEARN
- SUPPORT
- GROW
- CONNECT

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CHECK INTERVIEWS with EXPLORERS CALL # 1

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DURING

Coaching & follow-up

- **Masterplan** completion: **milestones** and **deliverables**
- Online **follow-up meetings**
- **Mentoring** support
- Intermediary **reports**, and **KPIs** check-ups

Remember!

- The final **Masterplan** will be agreed upon by the Explorers and the US Node hosting them.
- The Program covers **travel** and **subsistence costs** for **3-5 month Expeditions** in the US

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AFTER

NGI Explorers Oscars

- Awards to **top Explorers**
- Visibility and **brokerage event**

NGI Explorers Alumni

- Online meeting **environment**
- Connections with **US Nodes**
- **Careers** & **experiences**

Funding and supportive opportunities

- Prospection of **public** and **private** funding sources
- Collaboration with **TETRA project** services

TIMELINE OPEN CALL#3

OPEN CALL
Dec 2020 – Feb 2021

EVALUATION & SELECTION
Mar - Apr 2021

CONTRACTING
May 2021

IMMERSION
May 2021

#1 payment

USA EXPEDITION
3 -5 months between
Jun – Oct 2021

#2 payment

NGI OSCARS
Nov 2021

#3 payment

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GRANT OPEN CALL#3

Fellowship grant: €4,650/month

COVID-19 pandemic
→ additional safety measures & requirements
10% extra allowance

‘COVID-19’ rate
€5,115/month in the USA

IMMERSION
May 2021

#1 payment

USA EXPEDITION
3 -5 months between
Jun – Oct 2021

#2 payment

NGI OSCARS
Nov 2021

#3 payment

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ELIGILIBLITY CHECKS

CONTENT

- Who can apply?
- Application options
- Visa & Insurance
- Reference documents
- COVID-19 impact

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WHO CAN **APPLY**?

AM I ELIGIBLE?

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The Program supports two **candidate profiles**:

Researchers

Holding a Master's degree or higher. Employed in: third level education institutes, research infrastructures, non-profit organizations and charitable (scientific) foundations and public research centres

Innovators

Internet technologists representing hi-tech startups, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), mid-caps working on Internet or and other related technologies

The Program support **individuals** (applicants), not teams

Candidates must be **employees** of any of the following **entities**:

- **Universities**
- **Research centres**
- **Mid-caps**
- **SMEs**
- **Startups**

These **entities** must be **established** in any of these **countries**:

- **Member States (MS)**
- **Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT)**

  Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, Bonaire, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands

- **H2020 Associated Countries**

List of **H2020 associated countries**

APPLICATION OPTIONS

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

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APPLICATION OPTIONS

OPEN IDEAS

Propose a **disruptive idea** based on your **line of research, product** or **service.** Identify and select the preferred US Node taking into consideration common priorities

List of **US nodes**

CHALLENGE

Apply to one of the **challenges** designed by our **US nodes**

List of **Challenges**

PAIRED TEAMS

Submit a proposal with **your US partner**

VISA & INSURANCE

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR MY US EXPEDITION?

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Visa requirements

- Candidates must be valid **EU**, **OCT** or **H2020 Associated Countries passport holders***

  ** NOTE: Exception will apply to non EU passport holders that hold a valid **residence permission** in the EU, OCT or H2020 Associated Countries*

- Explorers are required to obtain a **valid Visa** for their stay in the US. Official recommended visa: **J-1 Visa** (any other type must be consulted with the selected US Node).

It is the Explorer's **responsibility** to ensure that all the **authorizations** required are in order before the Expedition takes place

Insurance

Explorers are fully responsible to ensure that their **health insurance coverage** meets the regulatory requirements in the US

Willful failure from the Explorer to maintain active insurance coverage is grounds for termination from the Program

J-1 Visa Exchange Visitor Program support

Insurance requirements for the J-1 Visa

REFERENCE **DOCUMENTS**

THE LIFESAVERS

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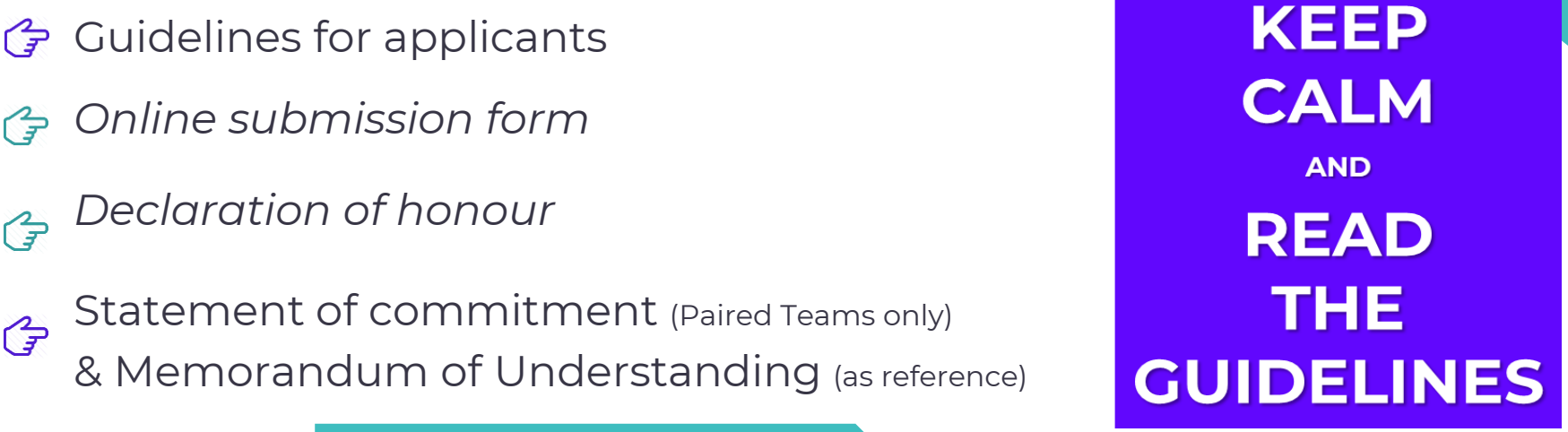
- Guidelines for applicants
- *Online submission form*
- *Declaration of honour*
- Statement of commitment (Paired Teams only)
  & Memorandum of Understanding (as reference)

3rd Open Call **Submission Kit**

- *Frequently Asked Questions*

FAQ section



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COVID-19

WHAT IF COVID-19 SITUATION DOES NOT ALLOW ME TRAVELLING TO THE US?

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Expedition: *"3 or 5-months fellowship stay for EU Explorer in US Exchange Node"*

Alternative Expedition options in the event that the **COVID-19 pandemic** does not allow traveling to the US under safe conditions by June 2021:

Full remote Expedition in Europe

(Explorers shall still perform a full work dedicated to executing their Expedition work plan)

Up to 50% of the "Fellowship grant" monthly rate

Mix between in-person Expedition in the US & remote in Europe

Weekly rate

While in remote in Europe: Up to 50%

In the USA – up 100% (incl. extra COVID-19 allowance)

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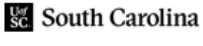
US NODES

USA **PARTNERS**



USA **PARTNERS**

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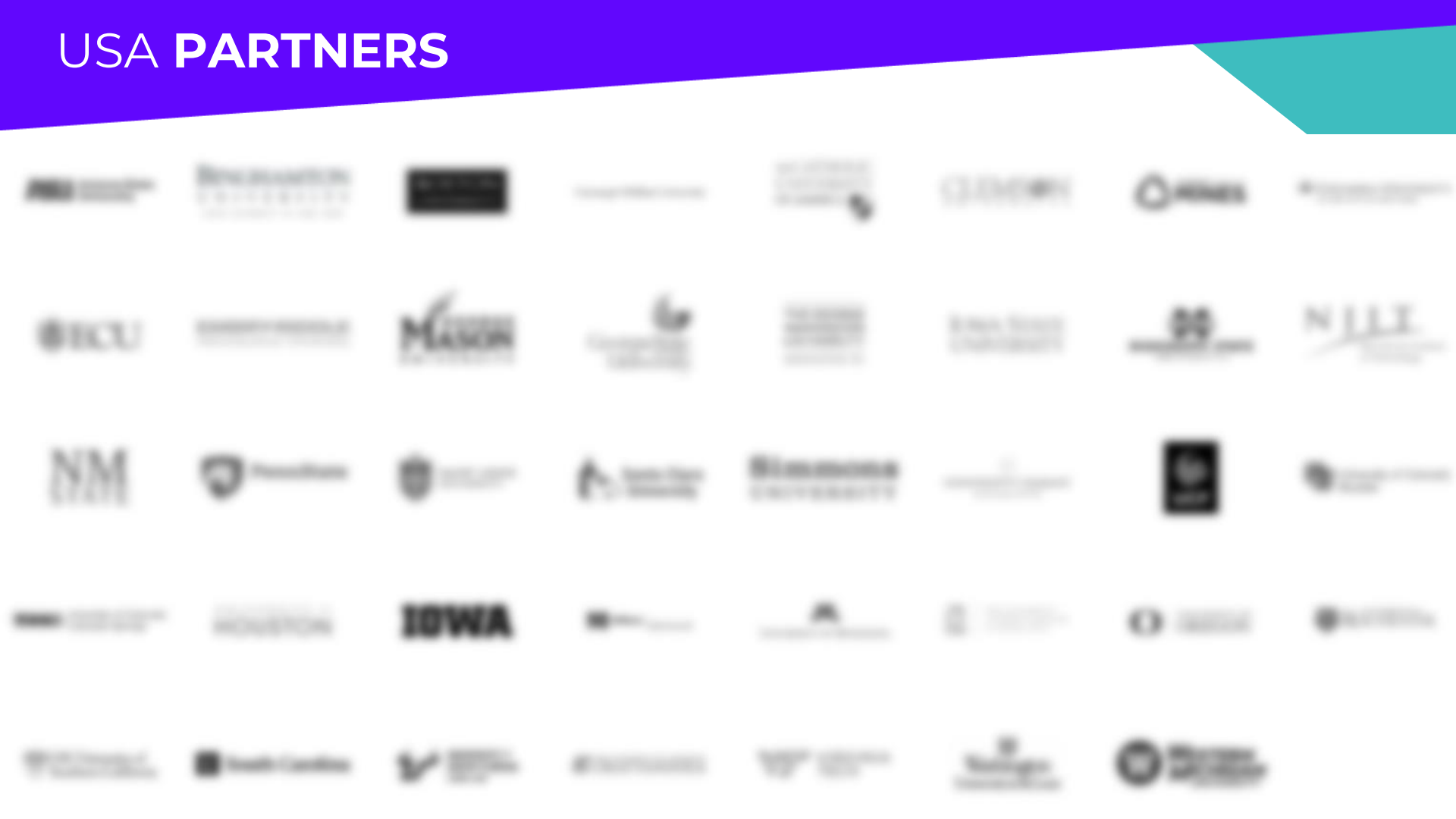
39 US Nodes

51 Challenges

USA **PARTNERS**



US NODES

REMEMBER

With the option **Paired Teams** you can always propose to work with **your own partner in the US**

What they can provide

Catalyzers of the Transfer of Knowledge

Support to obtain the VISA

The physical space where the Explorers will live their experience

Integration with daily activities in their teams

First-hand mentorship and guidance for a better adaptation

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