

The Department of State has received inquiries regarding funding opportunity SFOP0002292: U.S.-China Youth Forum on Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Economic Opportunities – U.S. Implementing Partner (the Forum). These inquiries and the Department's best efforts to respond fully to them are below. This list will be updated should additional questions be submitted. Applicants should use their best judgment in drafting their proposals. The answers below should not be construed as expressing preference for any particular approach to drafting a proposal.

1. Are implementing partners allowed to compensate (with honoraria or stipends) keynote and other proposed Forum speakers?
 - Yes.
2. If so, is there a limit on the amount of such compensation?
 - The Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP) does not have a public diplomacy grant policy that states a specific limit to the amount a keynote or other Forum speaker may be compensated. EAP applies a prudent person standard when reviewing whether a cost is appropriate under the circumstances.
3. Will the implementing partner be responsible for printing program books/agendas, name tags/tent cards, promotional items (bags, pens, notebooks) and/or other materials?
 - If the applicant wishes to include promotional materials to spotlight the Forum in its proposal, it may do so.
 - China's implementing partner(s) will be responsible for printing program books/agendas and name tags/tent cards.
4. Should applicants assume all 50 participants and all five speakers will require three nights of lodging (arrival day, Forum Day 1, Forum Day 2)?
 - Yes.
5. Will all meals be provided?
 - No. Only the meals referred to in the funding opportunity will be provided. Applicant organizations should take this into consideration when drafting their proposals.
6. Should we assume that the All China Youth Federation (ACYF) will select a hotel at the U.S. government per diem rate?
 - The ACYF will negotiate hotel rates that are equal to or lesser than U.S. government per diem rates.