

USDLA Collaboration and Impact Award

Award description: This award recognizes programs that foster global learning through cross-border or cross-sector collaboration. Honorees promote inclusive, technology-enabled education that connects learners, institutions, and communities across cultures and geographies. Open to individuals, teams, institutions, or organizations worldwide. Projects must have been active within the last 12 months.

Eligible initiatives may include:

- U.S.-international partnerships (e.g., virtual exchanges, global classrooms)
- U.S.-based cross-sector efforts (e.g., K–12 and higher ed, higher ed and corporate training)
- Global coalitions advancing lifelong learning and digital equity

Rubric:

Criterion	Strong (10)	Medium (5)	Weak (1)
Collaboration Scope & Structure	Demonstrates sustained, reciprocal collaboration across countries, sectors, or institutions with clear shared goals and leadership	Collaboration exists but is limited in scope, frequency, or shared ownership	Minimal collaboration; confined to a single group, sector, or geography
Global Engagement & Cultural Exchange	Actively promotes intercultural learning, global citizenship, and diverse learner participation	Some attention to cultural or global dimensions is evident	Limited or no focus on global or intercultural engagement
Impact & Outcomes	Shows measurable success, with clear evidence of reach, effectiveness, and	Some impact noted, but limited in	Unclear or anecdotal impact

	potential for scalability	scope or lacking robust data	with no measurable results
Digital Innovation & Mission Alignment	Effectively uses digital learning to advance USDLA's mission of access, equity, and innovation	Uses digital tools, but connection to mission or innovation is unclear	Technology use is minimal or does not support broader mission