



The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is inviting proposals for the latest round of Grand Challenges Explorations. [Grand Challenges Explorations](#) fosters early-stage discovery research to expand the pipeline of ideas for solving our greatest global health and development challenges. Launched in 2008 with an initial \$100 million commitment from the foundation, Grand Challenges Explorations grants have already been awarded to more than 1300 researchers in more than 65 countries.

[Grand Challenges Explorations](#) is an initiative where initial grants are for USD \$100,000 and successful projects are eligible to receive follow-on funding of up to USD \$1 million. Proposals are solicited twice a year for an expanding set of global health and development topics. Applications are only two pages, and no preliminary data is required. Applicants can be at any experience level; in any discipline; and from any organization, including colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations and for-profit companies.

We are accepting applications on the following three topics until **Wednesday, November 8, 11:30 am Pacific Time:**

- [Novel Approaches for Improving Timeliness of Routine Immunization Birthdose and Healthcare Worker Skill in Low-Resource Settings;](#)
- [Healthy Minds for Adolescent Mothers: Achieving Healthy Outcomes for the Family;](#)
- [Innovations for Integrated Diagnostics Systems](#)

Tips for applicants in [English](#), [French](#), [Korean](#), [Portuguese](#), [Chinese](#) and [Spanish](#) are available. Full descriptions of the topics in these languages will be available at the beginning of the week of September 18, 2017.

In addition, as part of the on-going Saving Brains initiative, and with the ultimate goal of increasing human capital and tackling existing inequalities, [Grand Challenges Canada](#) has launched a new funding opportunity open to applicants in low- and middle-income countries and Canada. This challenge seeks bold ideas for products, services and implementation models that protect and nurture early brain development in a sustainable manner. Funding is open to innovative solutions that address the risk factors facing children living in adversity by promoting health and nutrition, providing enrichment and nurturing, and or protecting against maltreatment.

The application deadline for Grand Challenges Canada Saving Brains grant opportunity is **October 11, 2017, at 3:00 PM EDT**. For details and application instructions, please visit the [website](#)

We invite you to read [summaries of the over 1300 GCE grants funded to date](#) and to check out the [interactive world map](#) of investments across the global Grand Challenges funding partner network.

We look forward to receiving innovative ideas from around the world and from all disciplines. If you have a great idea, please apply. If you know someone else who may have a great idea, please forward this message.

Thank you for your commitment to solving the world's greatest health and development challenges.

The Grand Challenges Team\_\_\_\_\_

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