

Dear Colleagues

The trailing email has been received from the 'Grand Challenges Team' of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announcing the Grand Challenges Explorations awarded grants and the opportunities which are still open. Kindly take appropriate action as desired.

Best wishes and regards

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From: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation <[gcmmedia@gatesfoundation.org](mailto:gcmmedia@gatesfoundation.org)> Date: Wed 30

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Subject: Gates Foundation Announced Grants Recipients

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Dear Colleague,

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is announcing the Grand Challenges Explorations Round 20 awarded grants and highlighting grant opportunities that are still open.

\*Grand Challenges Explorations (GCE) grants awarded:\* Thirty-five projects in 17 different countries received an initial grant of USD \$100,000. Please see the announcement

<<https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/announcement/grand-challenges-explorations-round-19-grants-awarded>> with links to descriptions of the latest set of awards, an associated blog

<<https://www.impatientoptimists.org/Posts/2018/05/Great-ideas-from-the-next-round-of-Grand-Challenges-Explorations>>, a photo slideshow

<<https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/photo/maternal-mental-health>> of selected projects, and an interactive world map <<https://grandchallenges.org/#/map>> of investments across the global Grand Challenges funding partner network.

Grand Challenges Explorations <<https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/about>> is an initiative that awards initial grants of 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. The next application round of Grand Challenges Explorations will be in \*September 2018\*.

\*Grant opportunities:\*

1. Ending the Pandemic Threat: A Grand Challenge for Universal Influenza Vaccine Development <<https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/ending-pandemic-threat-grand-challenge-universal-influenza-vaccine-development>>. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Page family are launching this grand challenge during the centenary year of the 1918 flu pandemic, with the goal of identifying novel, transformative concepts that would lead to development of a truly universal flu vaccine. Such a vaccine would alleviate the need for annual seasonal influenza vaccination campaigns and would prepare the world for the next influenza pandemic. Learn more and apply here <<https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/ending-pandemic-threat-grand-challenge-universal-influenza-vaccine-development>>. Also see the blog <<https://www.impatientoptimists.org/Posts/2018/05/Ending-the-Pandemic-Threat-A-Grand-Challenge-for-Universal-Influenza-Vaccine-Development#.Ww2JHleWyUk>>.

Application deadline is \*June 22, 2018\*.

2. The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) has established a special fund, known as the Science, Technology and Innovation Transform Fund (IsDB-STIF) to support its member countries in finding practical solutions to their key development challenges through the power of innovation. The Transform Fund is a multi-million-dollar fund that provides seed money for innovators, startups, and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to develop their ideas and compose a strong business proposal. Learn more and apply here <<https://www.isdb-engage.org/en/challenge/call-for-innovation-via-transform-fund>>.

Application deadline is \*July 31, 2018\*.

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

The Grand Challenges Team