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> Date: Wed 30 May, 2018, 1:40 AM
Subject: Gates Foundation Announced Grants Recipients
To: <director@admin.iitd.ac.in>

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:*


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