

Dear Colleagues

The following e-mail has been received from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, inviting research proposals related to six different topics. Kindly take appropriate action as desired.

Best wishes and regards

Office of Dean R&D

Dear Colleagues,

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is inviting proposals for the latest round of the Grand Challenges Explorations [<https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/>](https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/)initiative. Applications on the following six topics will be accepted until *Wednesday, November 14, 2018 11:30 am PST:

1. Increasing Demand for Vaccination Services

<https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/increasing-demand-vaccination-services-round-22>>

2. New Approaches for Manufacturing Gut Microbial Biotherapeutics

<https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/new-approaches-manufacturing-gut-microbial-biotherapeutics-round-22>>

3. Innovation for WASH in Urban Settings

<https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/innovation-wash-urban-settings-round-22-0>>

4. New Approaches for Strategic Prioritization of Agricultural Development Policies

<https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/new-approaches-strategic-prioritization-agricultural-development-policies-round-22>>

5. Tools and Technologies for Broad-Scale Pest and Disease Surveillance of Crop Plants in Low-Income Countries

<https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/tools-and-technologies-broad-scale-pest-and-disease-surveillance-crop-plants-low-income>>

6. Innovations Driving Programmatic Performance in Immunization: Service Experience and Data Use + Measurement

<https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/innovations-driving-programmatic-performance-immunization-service-experience-and-data-use>>

Grand Challenges Explorations (GCE) grants have already been awarded to almost 1400 researchers in more than 65 countries. 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 challenges. Applications are only two pages, and no preliminary data is required. Applicants can be at any experience level; in any discipline; and from any type of organization, including colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations and for-profit companies.

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

The Grand Challenges Team