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## Canadian Rising Stars in Global Health: Round Two

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ANNOUNCEMENT

Grand Challenges Canada today announces Canadian Rising Stars in Global Health Request for Proposals, Round Two. This unique program is a call to action for Canadians to make their contribution to global health. Grand Challenges Canada's goal is to tap into the creativity, knowledge and skills of Canadian scientists, entrepreneurs and social innovators to solve some of the most persistent health challenges in the developing world through Integrated Innovation.

"Canadians have so much to contribute to address some of the most persistent global health challenges," says Dr. Peter A. Singer, CEO of Grand Challenges Canada. "Canadian Rising Stars in Global Health is a program designed to enable Canadians to make that contribution. Our recently announced Round One grantees demonstrate the depth of Canadian talent. We know there are many more bold ideas out there that can contribute so much to improving health and saving lives in the developing world."

Dr. Diego Bassani, an Epidemiologist at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, says of his recently announced Canadian Rising Stars grant, "we have ideas; it's amazing to have someone, like Grand Challenges Canada to believe in them." Dr. Bassani, is partnering with other Canadian and African researchers to test a low-cost fetal heart monitor powered by human energy.

Round Two provides \$100,000 in seed grants for up to 20 successful proposals. If the ideas are robust, effective, and proven, the innovators will be eligible for an additional scale-up grant of up to \$1 million for each proposal.

There will be three rounds of Canadian Rising Stars for a total of \$20 million dollars. Of this amount, approximately \$14 million will be available for scale-up grants. Canadians are required to involve developing world innovators.

The deadline for proposals is September 19, 2011 11:59 p.m. EDT. Proposals must include a 2 minute video segment outlining the health problem, the proposed solution, and why it is innovative and bold.

"The purpose of the videos is to engage the Canadian public in global health and demonstrate the creativity of our Canadian innovators," says Dr. Shiva Amiri, Program Officer at Grand Challenges Canada. "On October 1, 2011, the videos will be posted on our website for public viewing and voting." For this second round Grand Challenges Canada will enhance the security of the voting process.



Proposals will be required to address Grand Challenges Canada's Integrated Innovation approach. Integrated Innovation is the coordinated application of scientific/technological, social and business innovation to develop solutions to complex challenges.

For more information about Canadian Rising Stars Request for Proposals, Round Two, please visit <http://www.grandchallenges.ca/grand-challenges/gc1-explorations/canadian-rising-stars-program-information/>

### **About Grand Challenges Canada**

*Grand Challenges Canada is a unique independent not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and well being of people in developing countries by integrating scientific, technological, business and social innovation. Grand Challenges Canada works with the International Development Research Institute (IDRC) and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and other global health foundations and organizations to find sustainable longterm solutions to the most pressing health challenges. Grand Challenges Canada is hosted at the McLaughlin-Rotman Centre for Global Health.*  
[www.grandchallenges.ca](http://www.grandchallenges.ca)

### **About Canada's International Development Research Centre**

*The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) supports research in developing countries to promote growth and development. IDRC also encourages sharing this knowledge with policymakers, other researchers, and communities around the world. The result is innovative, lasting local solutions that aim to bring choice and change to those who need it most. As the Government of Canada's lead on the Development Innovation Fund, IDRC will draw on decades of experience managing publicly funded research projects to administer the Development Innovation Fund. IDRC will also ensure that developing country researchers and concerns are front and centre in this exciting new initiative.*  
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### **About Canadian Institutes of Health Research**

*The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is the Government of Canada's agency for health research. CIHR's mission is to create new scientific knowledge and to enable its translation into improved health, more effective health services and products, and a strengthened Canadian health-care system. Composed of 13 Institutes, CIHR provides leadership and support to more than 13,600 health researchers and trainees across Canada.*

*CIHR will be responsible for the administration of international peer review, according to international standards of excellence. The results of CIHR-led peer review will guide the awarding of grants by Grand Challenges Canada from the Development Innovation Fund*  
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