

**ACCESS: DEADLINE: AUGUST 11, 2021, at 12:00 P.M. ET (4:00 P.M. UTC)  
NEXT GENERATION METHODS: DECEMBER 31, 2022 at 12:00 P.M. ET (4:00 P.M. UTC) or until funds are exhausted**

Your application is in “Drafts” and has not yet been submitted. You **MUST** complete your application by saving it, then clicking the **Submit** button at the bottom of this form on or before the deadline. Applications received after this time will not be considered for funding.

- **Google Chrome is the recommended browser** (do not use Internet Explorer). Some issues may be caused by the browser itself. Other browsers may or may not support all Fluxx features.
- You can **Save** your work at any time and **return to it later** by logging into your account and clicking on **Applications > Drafts** (in the left menu), then clicking on **Edit**.
- When you are done editing, click the **Submit** button. Once you submit, you will no longer be able to edit, so please take care when completing the form.
- There may be a delay while your application is saving/submitting. Please do not refresh this page while saving or submitting.
- If the portal won't allow you to submit your application, you may be missing critical information. Before contacting technical support, please ensure you have answered all application questions. All questions in **bold** are required.
- After you submit your application, you can view or print your completed application by navigating to **Applications > Submitted** (in the left-hand menu).

**Questions?** You can find answers to the most common questions by consulting the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). All questions related to the Request for Proposals or the application process that are not addressed in the FAQ should be directed to the OPTions team at [info@optionsinitiative.org](mailto:info@optionsinitiative.org).

**Technical Support?** For technical assistance with the online application, contact Technical Support. Please note that our Technical Support team is only able to address questions and issues related to the Fluxx Portal. All non-technical questions should be directed to the OPTions Team at [info@optionsinitiative.org](mailto:info@optionsinitiative.org).

**Project Scope:**

Please select the category to which you are applying. Please note that you are limited to selecting one (1) category.  
New approaches to increasing early access to existing abortion products and services | Nouvelles approches pour faciliter l'accès précoce aux produits et services existants en matière d'avortement

Options for Pregnancy Termination Innovation Initiative (OPTions Initiative) Application Form

▼ APPLICANT INFORMATION

**Testorg**

Project Lead: Erik Test

Note: Project Lead must be the main contact

Grand Challenges Canada can only fund legally incorporated entities or any entities that have the legal capacity to enter into a contract with Grand Challenges Canada. Please select your organization's legal entity type:

Please select where the applicant organization is legally incorporated. For any needed clarification please consult the eligible country list in Appendix A of the Request for Proposals.

If applying on behalf of an Indian organization, do you currently have proof of FCRA compliance or exemption? Note that applicants will be requested to provide this documentation in advance of the peer review screen, if selected.

**Signing Authority Name:**

**Signing Authority Position Title:**

List any additional project collaborators, their roles, and their affiliated organizations :

## ▼ GRANT DETAILS

**Project Title:**

 Please create a clear and concise project title. Note that there is a 100 character limit for the title.

**Amount Requested (up to \$250,000 CAD):** \$0.00

**Anticipated Start Date:**

Enter the duration of your project in months (18 or 24): 0

**Implementation Country/Countries:**

Indicate the country/countries where you will be implementing your project. Select all that apply.

**OPTions Innovation Focus Areas Priorities:**

Which of the following focus areas does your proposed innovation best align with? Please note that you are limited to selecting one category. If your proposed innovation addresses multiple categories, please select the primary focus.

**Project Tagging:**

Select up to 5 keywords that describe your innovation. These keywords will only be used to match your proposal with appropriate reviewers, so please only select those that directly align with your proposal. Click the green "+" symbol (to the right) and select all that apply.

**Application Notes:**

- Applications must include all required information and address all questions. Only complete applications will be considered for review.
- Please be as concise as possible. You may use bullet points to answer the questions in the application form.
- Please note that only the Project Summary (the five questions below) will be reviewed for the first stage of the evaluation process (the Innovation Screen). At this stage, applications will be scored based on the Innovation Screen Criteria described in the Request for Proposals (i.e., Innovation and Relevance) to determine if they will proceed to the next stage of review (the full criteria is outlined in Section 3.3 of the Request for Proposals). Last year, approximately 70% of applications were rejected at the initial innovation screen. Therefore, it is critical that the Project Summary clearly describes the innovation. Please ensure all acronyms are defined in their first use. **Note that it is our aim to accommodate those that are not native or fluent English speakers and we will not penalize applicants for grammar or unconventional phrasing.**

## ▼ PROJECT SUMMARY

Provide a summary of your innovation by responding to the five questions below.

1. What is the problem addressed by your innovation? Provide details on the specific context you are proposing to work in, and information that outlines the supply and/or demand gap(s) that you intend to address.

Maximum response allowed is 1000 characters

2. What is your proposed innovation? Please be specific in how it addresses the problem outlined in Q1.

Maximum response allowed is 1000 characters

3. What makes your proposed solution an innovative and transformative response to the problem? Why is your proposed innovation a better alternative to current approaches to the problem outlined in Q1?

Maximum response allowed is 1000 characters

4. Briefly describe how your proposed innovation addresses any of the areas of Integrated Innovation: scientific/technological innovation, social innovation and business innovation (see <http://www.grandchallenges.ca/integrated-innovation/>). For example, if your proposed innovation is based on a technological or scientific development, please explain your plan for addressing the social and/or business aspects that are required to successfully implement your proposed innovation and bring it to scale (e.g. business planning, community engagement, policy-maker engagement, understanding end-user demand, distribution, integration within existing platforms, etc.)

**Scientific/Technological:**

**Social:**

**Business:**

Maximum response allowed is 1000 characters

5. How is your innovation responsive to the expressed needs of hard to reach and marginalized women, girls and/or people with diverse sexual and gender identities in the selected implementation area?

Maximum response allowed is 600 characters

## A. Project Execution Plan

1. What is the proof of concept you are trying to establish within the timeframe of the grant, and how will you demonstrate that proof of concept has been achieved at the end of the grant period (i.e. what specific results will determine if the innovation has been successful)? Proof of concept is the evidence generated in a controlled or limited setting that demonstrates improved access to existing methods of safe abortion.

Maximum response allowed is 1500 characters

2. Describe your project execution plan to demonstrate proof of concept within the 18 or 24 month grant period, including proposed project activities, implementation strategy, methodology and timelines. Learning and refinement is part of the innovation process. Please include how you intend to adapt your approach within the scope of the seed grant based on lessons learned.

Maximum response allowed is 3000 characters

3. Please indicate your expected results over the grant timeline. Describe the key indicators that you will use to measure the health impact of your proposed innovation and which data collection tools and methods (quantitative and/or qualitative) you will use to do this. Specify the target population and indicate the anticipated reach within that population.

Maximum response allowed is 2000 characters

4. Briefly discuss how the current political, social, and economic context affects the problem your project will address, including relevant laws and regulations related to your innovation.

Maximum response allowed is 500 characters

5. Identify the key risks that may arise and how you will manage and mitigate for these risks to ensure no negative consequences are encountered by end users. Please consider the local context and include any type of risk you deem relevant to your context and proposed innovation, such as technical, execution, legal, and/or political risks. Please also include mitigation of potential pandemic-related limitations and delays.

Maximum response allowed is 1500 characters

6. Describe the **gender equality** considerations this proposed innovation takes into account, for example, the composition of board, staff and leadership, existence of gender-sensitive policies and the integration of gender considerations in program implementation (as outlined in Section 2.10 of the Request for Proposals).

Maximum response allowed is 700 characters

7. Describe how this proposed innovation will take a **human rights-based approach** (as described in Section 2.10 of the Request for Proposals), including if and how end users, and relevant stakeholders (government, non-government and community stakeholders) will be engaged in its design, testing and process improvement.

Maximum response allowed is 700 characters

8. Does your proposed innovation contribute positively, negatively, or negligibly to **environmental sustainability**? If negatively, is there a plan to limit potential adverse environmental effects of the proposed innovation?

Maximum response allowed is 500 characters

## **B. Developing a Path to Scale and Sustainability**

Does the proposed idea have a vision, credible path and potential for impact at scale? We recognize the path to scale may change as the innovation is iterated upon and/or may not be fully conceptualized yet. Please answer the questions below to the best of your ability. Markers for potential for scale and sustainability include: involvement of partners/stakeholders who can help the innovation scale; potential to leverage or generate funding to sustain the innovation; and potential to be replicated in other regions or countries.

1. Describe how you would scale up your innovation. Outline how you will engage strategic partners (private sector, government, regulators, commercial etc.) to support the scale-up plan.

Maximum response allowed is 1000 characters

2. Describe how your innovation will become financially sustainable.

Maximum response allowed is 500 characters

3. Describe the degree to which your innovation could be replicated in other regions for scale-up and which additional regions or countries you would target for scaling-up.

Maximum response allowed is 500 characters

4. Describe any challenges that you foresee in transitioning your innovation from proof-of-concept towards scale up.

Maximum response allowed is 500 characters

## **C. The Project Lead, Team and Institution**

1. Describe the relevant experience of the project lead, key team members and collaborators/partners which best positions them to carry out the proposed activities. The Project Lead and team should possess relevant expertise (e.g. medical, scientific, social and/or business expertise), leadership, and commitment to developing, implementing, and scaling solutions in the area of safe abortion.

Maximum response allowed is 1000 characters

2. Describe the connection and/or lived experience of the project team and collaborators/partners in relation to the challenges of the target population.

Maximum response allowed is 600 characters

3. Describe how your institution adds value and brings new perspectives to the safe abortion space.

Maximum response allowed is 500 characters.

## D. Budget

Please use the fields below to enter your budget. **Total Budget should not exceed \$250,000 CAD.** Please refer to Section 5.1 in the Request for Proposals for information on eligible and ineligible costs.

Category	Amount (CAD)	Description
Remuneration - Funding Recipient's Employees:		
Travel Costs:		
Goods and Supplies:		
Equipment:		
Project Administration Costs Directly Related to the Project:		
Sub-grants/Sub-contractors:		
Other 1:		
Other 2:		
Other 3:		
Other 4:		
Total		

## E. Other

1. Have you or your team members previously applied for funding from Grand Challenges Canada?

2. Have you or your team members previously been awarded a Grand Challenges Canada Grant?

3. Please provide the Grant ID Number for any current or past Grand Challenges Canada funding award(s). If you or your team members currently hold, or have previously held, a Grand Challenges Canada grant, clearly indicate how this proposal differs from the grant(s) awarded.

Maximum response is 300 characters

## F. Citations and References

List any relevant citations and/or references for your work or the work of others that support your proposed idea. References must include the title, names of all authors, book or journal, volume number, page numbers, and year of publication. Please only cite or reference research that is recent, relevant, and of high quality. Where possible, please provide a webpage link to the reference.

Maximum response is 5000 characters

## G. Third Party Intellectual Property Rights

Do any third parties own intellectual property rights (patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, etc.) in technical components, content or datasets that form part of the innovation for which you are seeking proof-of-concept funding?

**Select (Yes/No):**

If Yes, please (i) describe the third-party intellectual property rights at issue, (ii) indicate whether you have a license agreement in place for those rights that will permit you to carry out the proof-of-concept project and to scale the innovation in low- and middle-income countries, if proof-of-concept is demonstrated, and (iii) indicate whether the third-party owner is willing to sign an undertaking to comply with Grand Challenges Canada's Global Access Policy.

Maximum response is 500 characters

## H. Certification

**By submitting this application, I certify to Grand Challenges Canada that I have read and agreed to the Terms and Conditions, and read and understood the Privacy Policy. I certify that I am authorized to apply for this project on behalf of my institution.**

**Select (Yes/No):**

 You can only proceed to submit your application if 'Yes' is selected.

**How did you learn about this Request for Proposals? Please select all that apply.**

Based on your selections above, provide any additional details such as name of the website, conference, research office, etc. If you selected "Other" please share how you heard about this RFP.