

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

STARS IN GLOBAL HEALTH – ROUND 12 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

This document addresses anticipated and commonly asked questions as relate to the Stars in Global Health Request for Proposals (RFP) launched October 26, 2022. Additional questions may be submitted to stars@grandchallenges.ca.

This FAQ document will be updated periodically, up to one week prior to the RFP deadline of **December 22, 2022 at 2:00pm EDT (6:00pm UTC)**.

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Deadlines

1. What is the difference between the registration deadline and the submission deadline?

To manage processing times on the application platform, Grand Challenges Canada will be implementing a two-stage process:

- A. Registration deadline – **December 15, 2022 at 2:00pm EDT (6:00pm UTC) – This is the deadline to register for an account** on Grand Challenges Canada’s Fluxx Portal at <https://gcc.fluxx.io> This is only to gain access to the application platform (if you do not already have an existing account) and **not a submission deadline**. Once you register, you can save and return to edit your application before the submission deadline. All applications **MUST** use Fluxx to submit their final applications. If you have any issues, please submit a ticket to report your registration issue (before the deadline) at <https://www.grandchallenges.ca/fluxxsupport/>
- B. Submission deadline – **December 22, 2022 at 2:00pm EDT (6:00pm UTC) – This is the deadline to SUBMIT your application via Fluxx**. Please remember to press the “Submit” button and ensure that you receive an email confirmation of your submission before you close the page. If you have any issues with the submission, please submit a ticket to report the issue at <https://www.grandchallenges.ca/fluxxsupport/> AND email stars@grandchallenges.ca with your application number and the issue (before the deadline). **No applications will be accepted over email.**

Topic Areas

1. What topics are considered relevant to this call?

Proposed innovations must address the human health impacts of climate change in low- and middle-income countries. These innovative solutions are expected to address the adaptation gaps and build resilience against the effects of climate change on the human health and wellbeing of underserved communities. Solutions should consider the fact that older adults, women, children, Indigenous peoples and other traditionally marginalized and minority groups are most vulnerable to the health impacts of climate change in many contexts.

Proposed innovations must be bold, innovative and designed with and for people who are not adequately served by current approaches. Innovations should seek to enable communities – in either (or both) urban and rural environments – to prepare for and protect health and wellbeing as the climate emergency makes the way we’ve lived unsustainable.

Applicants will be required to describe how the health challenge being addressed is specifically being worsened by climate change (current and anticipated) in the proposed implementation context. They will also need to explain how the proposed solution will address the selected human health impact as exacerbated by climate change.

Examples of areas we are interested in funding are innovations that:¹

¹ Please note that this is an illustrative list only. All innovations that seek to address a climate-sensitive health risk are welcome to apply, so long as other eligibility criteria are met.

- Increase nutrition or water security
 - Such as interventions that ensure the affordability of healthy diets or protect nutritious food supplies
 - This could also include the community-level water management interventions that improve stable access to safe water
- Address mental & psychological health challenges resulting from or amplified by climate-related displacement and migration
- Reduce the impact of poor air quality on health
- Reduce the impact of heat stress on health
- Address vector-, water- and food-borne disease threats
 - Specifically, threats that are moving into new populations and/or geographies due to climatic variability and change
- Develop or adapt monitoring, modelling and forecasting solutions

Where possible, all innovations should seek to build the resilience and response capacity of the communities and systems they are intervening within (healthcare, food & nutrition, water & sanitation, etc.).

Given the role and limitations of proof of concept (pilot) funding, as well as our desire to address funding gaps, we will NOT fund:

- Mitigation efforts, such as interventions to reduce emissions or address carbon capture and sequestration
 - This includes energy solutions such as bio-fuels, batteries, solar panels, nuclear plants and new materials
 - Interventions that address deforestation, such as clean cook stoves & clean cooking fuels, will not be considered either
- Innovations that address transportation infrastructure or socio-economic systems
- Innovations that broadly address food systems & crop yields
- Monitoring, modelling and forecasting solutions that do not offer a clear and feasible mechanism for acting upon either data or predictions generated from more advanced monitoring and modelling systems

Proposed innovations must have the potential to be sustainable at scale and resilient to future climatic changes.

2. What is considered innovative?

Given that we expect applicants to address health issues that aren't new but instead existing challenges that are being worsened by the impacts of climate change, we do not expect all proposed ideas to be entirely unique. Rather we understand that many of the applications will consist of more standard health innovations that are, for the first time, being approached from an explicitly intersectoral perspective. If the solution itself is not particularly novel or bold, the applicant will be expected to satisfactorily describe why implementing it in a new context would be or how the implementation approach itself is particularly original and promising.

If you are uncertain if your proposed idea would be considered bold or if it would represent more than an incremental improvement over current approaches, we suggest that you consult relevant literature online, as well as consider solutions previously funded by GCC (find our searchable data base [here](#)) and others.

Please see the RFP section 2.6 for an overview of GCC's approach to integrated innovation.

3. Can I build on an existing project?

We are open to funding add-ons (additional components) to existing projects, so long as there is a proof-of-concept being tested with the GCC funding, it can be evaluated independently of the broader project and within the GCC funding period.

4. Who are the target users?

Unserved and underserved communities low- and middle-income countries. Solutions should consider the fact that older adults, women, young people, Indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, LGBTQI+ individuals, and other traditionally marginalized and minority groups are most vulnerable to the health impacts of climate change in many contexts.

5. If my innovation isn't targeting the users mentioned in the Stars in Global Health RFP, can I still receive funding?

No. Proposals which do not address the human health impacts of climate change for unserved and underserved communities low- and middle-income countries will not be considered for funding in this RFP.

6. Is it mandatory for a proposed idea to target all the suggested target users (older adults, women, young people, Indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, LGBTQI+ individuals, and other traditionally marginalized and minority groups) or can it focus on only one or two?

Proposed innovations should consider how they could reach at least one of the mentioned target user groups. If they do not do so explicitly, they will be expected to justify why and how their target users are considered to be unserved and underserved.

7. Will there be another call for applications which addresses targets beyond those mentioned in the Stars in Global Health Request for Proposals?

At this time, that decision has not yet been determined. We encourage you to check our website regularly or to [subscribe](#) to our newsletter for new funding opportunities.

Eligibility Criteria

1. How do I know which countries are eligible?

Eligible Application Countries

Applicants affiliated with institutions incorporated in any of the countries listed in the table below and/or in CANADA are **eligible to apply**.

This list is subject to revision by Grand Challenges Canada without notice. Notwithstanding inclusions below, all eligible jurisdictions remain subject to approval by Grand Challenges Canada based on compliance with all relevant Canadian and international laws and policies.

Whenever possible, Grand Challenges Canada will provide reasonable notice of a determination of ineligibility for applicants located within jurisdictions listed below.

Eligible Implementation Countries

All **eligible implementation countries** are listed in the table below. A majority of the applicant's activities and budget must be carried out/spent in an eligible implementation country.

Please note that a minimum of 60% of all seed grants will be awarded to applicants implementing in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA).

Least Developed Countries	Other Low-Income Countries (per capita GNI <= \$1,045 in 2020)	Other Lower Middle-Income Countries and Territories (per capita GNI \$1,046-\$4,095 in 2020)	Other Upper Middle-Income Countries and Territories (per capita GNI \$4,096-\$12,695 in 2020)
Afghanistan	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Algeria	Albania
Angola	Syrian Arab Republic	Belize	Argentina
Bangladesh		Bolivia	Armenia
Benin		Cabo Verde	Azerbaijan
Bhutan		Cameroon	Belarus
Burkina Faso		Congo	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Burundi		Côte d'Ivoire	Botswana
Cambodia		Egypt	Brazil
Central African Republic		El Salvador	China (People's Republic of)
Chad		Eswatini	Colombia
Comoros		Ghana	Costa Rica
Democratic Republic of the Congo		Honduras	Cuba
Djibouti		India	Dominica
Eritrea		Indonesia	Dominican Republic
Ethiopia		Iran	Ecuador
Gambia		Kenya	Equatorial Guinea
Guinea		Kyrgyzstan	Fiji
Guinea-Bissau		Micronesia	Gabon
Haiti		Mongolia	Georgia
Kiribati		Morocco	Grenada
Lao People's Democratic Republic		Nicaragua	Guatemala
Lesotho		Nigeria	Guyana
Liberia		Pakistan	Iraq
Madagascar		Papua New Guinea	Jamaica
Malawi		Philippines	Jordan
Mali		Samoa	Kazakhstan

Mauritania		Sri Lanka	Kosovo
Mozambique		Tajikistan	Lebanon
Myanmar		Tokelau	Libya
Nepal		Tunisia	Malaysia
Niger		Ukraine	Maldives
Rwanda		Uzbekistan	Marshall Islands
Sao Tome and Principe		Vanuatu	Mauritius
Senegal		Viet Nam	Mexico
Sierra Leone		West Bank and Gaza Strip	Moldova
Solomon Islands		Zimbabwe	Montenegro
Somalia			Montserrat
South Sudan			Namibia
Sudan			Nauru
Tanzania			Niue
Timor-Leste			North Macedonia
Togo			Panama
Tuvalu			Paraguay
Uganda			Peru
Yemen			Saint Helena
Zambia			Saint Lucia
			Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
			Serbia
			South Africa
			Suriname
			Thailand
			Tonga
			Turkey
			Turkmenistan
			Venezuela
			Wallis and Futuna

2. My country is not listed in the table above. Can I still apply?

No. If your country is not listed, and is not Canada, then you are not eligible to apply to this RFP. We review and revise the eligibility criteria for each round. We encourage you to check our website regularly or to [subscribe](#) to our newsletter for eligibility changes in new Requests for Proposals.

3. Do I require co-funding?

No. Co-funding is not a requirement at the proof-of-concept stage. However, all successful applicants are encouraged to start securing co-funding during the proof-of-concept phase to

better position their innovation for scaling as this would become a requirement should your innovation be invited to apply for transition-to-scale funding.

Successful South Africa-based applicants may be funded in part or in full by the South Africa Medical Research Council (SAMRC), but this is to be determined following the review process.

4. Must I be a citizen or permanent resident of the country through which I am applying?

No. You do not have to be a citizen or permanent resident of the country through which you are applying. However, you must be formally affiliated with the applicant institution which must be incorporated in an eligible country.

5. I am a Canadian citizen based in the United States (U.S.) and working for a U.S. institution that works in an eligible low- and middle- income country. Would I be eligible, because of my citizenship, to apply to this Stars in Global Health Request for Proposal even though the U.S. is not an eligible country?

Grants are not awarded based on citizenship or nationality. All applicants must apply through institutions that are legally formed in an eligible jurisdiction in Canada or in eligible countries found in Appendix A in the RFP and in the response to Q1 in the Eligibility Criteria section of this FAQ document.

High-income country organizations can be noted as collaborators of eligible institutions in low- and middle-income countries that are the lead applicants to this request for proposals.

6. What do you define as an eligible institution?

Entities eligible under this funding call include social enterprises and other legally recognized organizations (such as non-governmental organizations, non-profit, for-profit, and limited liability companies, as well as research/academic institutions, or any other appropriately registered legal entity) that:²

- is formed and legally incorporated in an eligible country listed in the RFP's Appendix A
- is active (status) and in good standing with their respective registration body³
- is capable of entering into a funding agreement with Grand Challenges Canada
- can receive foreign funding and administer grant funding
- can successfully perform activities in their technical area

These are ineligible:

- Individuals
- sole proprietorships
- unincorporated trusts and partnerships
- government organizations
- United Nations country offices
- any entity that does not have legal capacity to enter into a contract

² The following must apply to the entity under its current name.

³ Where relevant, required filings (such as regular reports or tax filings) related to institutional incorporation or registration are up to date. The registration body in question should be, in jurisdictions where relevant, the governing authority for your entity type according to the country's laws.

7. What does “incorporated” mean in terms of eligibility?

The meaning of ‘legally incorporated’ will vary across different jurisdictions. It is the responsibility of every applicant to understand how this applies to their own jurisdiction. Typically, ‘legally incorporated’ means that the entity is incorporated as its own legal person (having separate and distinct legal identity), can enter into binding contracts, can own property in its own name, can sue and be sued, etc. For example:

- Local registration of an international non-profit would not meet this eligibility requirement in most jurisdictions.
- Unincorporated Trusts or Partnerships, or any business structure that places liability on an individual or individuals, would not meet this eligibility requirement. However, an incorporated trust or incorporated partnership (sometimes a limited liability partnership in certain jurisdictions) would be eligible.

While this requirement will be screened during the Eligibility Screen, Grand Challenges Canada will also conduct a more in-depth due diligence of this criteria (and others) during negotiations process for selected projects.

8. Do I need any specific academic qualifications to apply?

No. This competition is open to everyone regardless of age or academic qualifications. The Project Lead and team must have the skills needed to carry out the proposed activities of the innovation and administer the grant.

9. Is it a requirement that the applicant have specific expertise or experience in global/public health or climate change research?

The expertise and experience of the team must align with the proposed innovation. Should there be gaps in the expertise and experience of the team, identifying experienced mentors, advisors or supervisors with relevant expertise will strengthen the application.

10. Do I need a collaborator?

Please see Section 3.3 of the RFP which outlines the eligibility criteria for investigators based in Canada and from other eligible countries.

Applicants from Canada:

- It is mandatory for all **applicants from Canada** to have a collaborator based in an eligible country other than Canada. The collaborating institution and investigator(s) must be identified in the application form.

Applicants from other eligible countries:

- It is **not** mandatory for **applicants from eligible countries other than Canada** to have a collaborator.

11. Can Grand Challenges Canada assist me in arranging a collaborator?

Applicants must seek collaborations independently. Grand Challenges Canada will not assist applicants in arranging collaborations.

As a suggestion, applicants can review prospective collaborators by joining the Global Health Innovation LinkedIn group at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3839474/>

12. May the proposal include collaborations with academic and/or industry partners in the United States or other ineligible countries?

It is not the intention of this RFP to exclude existing productive collaborations. If appropriately justified, these collaborations may be part of a proposal.

These collaborators can be reflected as consultants/contractors or sub-grantees. Please note the budget limits on these categories (20% and 50%, respectively; see RFP section 5.1 for details).

Note: The Project Lead must still be affiliated with an eligible institution.

13. Can my collaborator be provided access to our application form?

Not at the application stage. The lead entity and Project Lead will be able to input all the relevant details of the collaborator in the application form without the collaborator requiring a Fluxx account. The application questions are provided ([here](#)) so that collaborators can work together (offline) before application submission.

Should the proposal be successful, at the negotiation stage, a Project co-Lead from the collaborating institution can be identified and provided access to the project account should the lead entity agree.

14. Can a group of people submit a proposal together with one or more co-applicants?

Yes, but the lead applicant entity must be considered eligible. The application must be submitted with the institutional and individual details pertaining to the eligible lead applicant.

The Project Lead can list co-applicants and other team members in the application as collaborators, if they so wish.

15. Can I or my institution submit 'on behalf of' a partner?

Technically, yes. However, one would need to submit using all the details of the eligible and intended grantee. The application would need to be completed in such a way that it would read as though it had been submitted by the partner (intended grantee).

16. Can multilateral organizations such as United Nations apply to this RFP?

In our past experience, Grand Challenges Canada has found that multilateral organizations such as the United Nations (UN) are typically unable to agree to the terms and conditions of our Grant Agreement. We highly recommend that these organizations, instead, apply through a local eligible partner organization, with staff from the UN office acting as collaborators on the project.

Integrated Innovation®

1. Is this challenge only concerned with medical and scientific technologies or is it also possible to submit a proposal on a topic regarding policies/social sciences?

This challenge is seeking projects demonstrating Integrated Innovation that could be easily implemented in low- and middle-income countries in Sub-Saharan Africa to address the health impacts of climate change. The proposed innovations would need to:

- A. Have a strong likelihood of achieving substantial and measurable impact in hard-to-reach and underserved populations.
- B. Maximize demand, delivery, uptake, acceptability, sustainability and impact by **integrating scientific/technological, social and/or business innovation**. We call this Integrated Innovation. (See the Integrated Innovation white paper available at (<http://www.grandchallenges.ca/funding-opportunities/integrated-innovation/>)
- C. Demonstrate, where possible, alignment with relevant domestic country laws, regulations, national plans and interest of relevant institutions and organizations to the development, delivery and uptake of the innovation (i.e., local health systems).

2. Do you encourage applications from social entrepreneurs?

Social entrepreneurs are strongly encouraged to apply to this Request for Proposals. Social entrepreneurs are individuals with innovative solutions to society's most pressing social problems. Social entrepreneurs tackle major social issues, offer new ideas for wide-scale change and seek a sustainable approach to achieve social returns to society. Grand Challenges Canada believes social entrepreneurship is a critical feature to enable scaling, sustainability and the ultimate achievement of impact.

Social entrepreneurs interested in applying should ensure they have the legal capacity to enter into a contract with Grand Challenges Canada. Grand Challenges Canada does not fund individuals, sole-proprietorships, partnerships, unincorporated trusts or any entity that does not have the legal capacity to enter into a contract.

Funding and Duration

1. What is the amount of funding of the proof-of-concept seed grant?

Applicants can apply for funding of up to \$150,000 CAD. Please ensure that the requested funding amount is appropriately justified, as 'value for effort' is one of the evaluation criteria.

2. What is the duration of the proof-of-concept seed grant?

Successful proposals will be awarded seed grants with project periods of up to 18 months to develop and validate the proposed innovation. Please ensure that the selected project period is appropriate and aligned with the proposed scope of work.

3. What costs are allowed in the budget of the proposal?

For allowable costs, please refer to Section 5.1 of the Stars in Global Health RFP. Further information on eligible and ineligible costs can be found on our website at this link: <https://www.grandchallenges.ca/innovator-resources/>

4. Are there any restrictions on indirect costs?

Yes. Innovators are entitled to indirect costs, calculated as 10% of all direct costs. Indirect costs are costs that cannot be directly traced to a specific project activity.

Innovators must consistently charge costs as either indirect or direct costs and must not double charge or inconsistently charge the same cost, or categories of costs, as both.

A list of examples of costs that could be considered as indirect under the Innovator's Project can be found in GCC's [Cost Directive](#).

Application Submission

1. How do I submit an application?

If the Project Lead already has an existing account on Fluxx, they should utilize this account. Otherwise, applicants should create an account using the following link: [Create an account](#). Once you have created an account, please allow for up to three (3) business days for Grand Challenges Canada to process your information.

Once your information has been processed, you will be emailed login credentials to access Fluxx (<https://gcc.fluxx.io>) where the application template is available. You will need to input and submit answers to the application questions through this template. **Please note** that you can save and come back to an application (to edit, complete) until such time as you submit the application.

Additional information on the application process can be found in the RFP's section 3.2 and in the Fluxx Reference Guide, which can be found here:

<https://www.grandchallenges.ca/fluxxsupport/>

2. What happens if I experience technical issues with submitting my application via Fluxx?

If you encounter technical issues with submitting your application, please submit a [ticket before the submission deadline](#) to the Grand Challenges Canada support team at <https://www.grandchallenges.ca/fluxxsupport/> outlining the nature of the problem. **Please include your application number.**

Please ensure to give yourself plenty of time to register (if needed) and to submit your application ahead of the deadlines. **ALL applicants who need to REGISTER for a Fluxx account MUST do so by 2:00pm EDT (6:00pm UTC), December 15th, 2022.**

If you have contacted the support team prior to December 15th, 2022 and the identified registration issue has not been resolved by 2:00pm EDT (6:00pm UTC) on December

20th, 2022, please follow-up by submitting a ticket to the Grand Challenges Canada support team at <https://www.grandchallenges.ca/fluxxsupport/> AND email stars@grandchallenges.ca

ALL applications must be received via Fluxx on or before the deadline of 2:00pm EDT (6:00pm UTC), December 22nd, 2022. Applications received after this time will NOT be considered for funding.

3. How do I access the application in French?

When creating a Fluxx account (or accessing an existing account), you will be asked to select your 'preferred language'. The application form will then display in the selected language (English or French).

You can also change your 'preferred language' at any time by editing your account settings (clicking on the gear icon in the bottom left). You can safely change the language at any time without losing answers already entered and saved in the application form.

4. Is there a template for the written proposal? I would like to learn about the word limit and other requirements.

Grand Challenges Canada has posted the application template on GCC's website (find the link under [Funding Opportunities](#)) for reference. You CANNOT submit your application using the template over email. Applications will ONLY be accepted via Fluxx.

Applicants with a functional Fluxx account and access to Fluxx (<https://gcc.fluxx.io/>) can also view the application questions and character limits through the portal (Fluxx). **Please note that you can save and come back to an application (to edit, complete) until such time as you submit the application.**

After saving your application on Fluxx, you will see a "Printable" button at the top right of your screen, which you can click to print the application questions and any inputted responses.

5. Will I need to provide any additional information or documentation beyond the online application?

No additional information is required at the time of application, however successful applicants will be asked to provide supporting documentation during the negotiations phase, including institutional information, team CVs and a number of other materials that will be outlined at that time.

6. Can an applicant submit more than one application?

A Project Lead may only be listed on one application to this Request for Proposals. An institution from an eligible country may, however, be the applicant on multiple applications, if all applications have different Project Leads and distinctly different proposals

7. Can I submit my application via email?

No. All applications to the Stars in Global Health Request for Proposals must be submitted through the Fluxx (<https://gcc.fluxx.io/>). **Any application sent via email will NOT be considered.**

8. In the application guidelines for the Stars in Global Health RFP, there is a note that applicants are required to seek and obtain sign-off from their affiliated organization/institution(s) before submitting their application. I am wondering in what format this permission should be granted?

Applicants are required to obtain internal approval from their institution before submitting an application, however there is no form or signature that needs to be completed at the time of application. If a grant is awarded, certain documents will be requested at that time.

9. What are the different roles mentioned in the application form?

Application form

In the application form, you will find the following 'role' types –

Project Lead (required): Project Leads are ultimately responsible for the implementation of the funded project and must comply with GCC requirements for this same purpose. Project Leads must be formally affiliated with the grantee institution.

The Fluxx account & profile used to create and submit the application must be that of the Project Lead. This is an important consideration, given the Project Lead and team makeup will be assessed as part of the review process.

Additional contact (optional): We have added this field for teams where someone is submitting the application *on behalf of* the project lead (in other words, where the primary point of contact for the application & review phase is not the Project Lead). Their name, role title and email address should be provided. While GCC will endeavour to include this person in communications, it will still be the responsibility of the Project Lead (whose contact details are part of the automated system) to pass along any relevant information.

Signing Authority (required): This must be a person formally affiliated with the grantee institution and who has been appointed with the powers to commit the authorizing organization to a binding agreement. Their name and role title should be provided.

Successful applicants (negotiations)

Successful applicants who are selected to proceed to the negotiation phase will be asked to confirm additional 'roles' for their project –

Project co-Lead (optional): As with Project Leads, co-Leads are ultimately responsible for the implementation of the funded project and must comply with GCC requirements for this same purpose. Project Leads can be affiliated with a collaborating or partner institution. They will have their own Fluxx profile and be connected to the project to access its profile, reports and receive system communications.

Reporting Contact (optional): Where this may differ from the Project (co)Lead(s), the Reporting Contact is the primary point of contact for GCC for all matters pertaining to project reporting.

Alternatively, a Reporting Contact may simply be an additional team member from the grantee organisation who requires access to the reporting portal (Fluxx), such as the Finance Officer or lead Monitoring & Evaluation staffer. Either way, any communications sent to the Reporting Contact will also be sent to the Project (co)Lead(s).

Review Process

1. Will the selection process use a peer review or champion-based review in evaluating application to the Stars in Global Health RFP?

Grand Challenges Canada will subject all eligible applications to a robust review process, which will first comprise of an Eligibility Screen and Innovation Screen. Following these steps, selected applications will undergo an external peer review process conducted by experts in the global health and climate change fields. Please refer to Section 3 of the RFP for details on the review process.

2. Will successful applicants continue to undertake public engagement activities after securing the grant?

Possibly. Where relevant and appropriate, Grand Challenges Canada will work with successful grantees to showcase their work and successes.

3. Will applicants be advised if they are rejected during the screening and review process?

Yes, at every step of the screening and review process, applicants will be advised if their submission is retained or not, as well as provided with brief comments and feedback whenever possible.

Application Timelines

1. When will the funding decision be announced?

The schedule of key deadlines is outlined below as per the RFP.

Key Dates	Event
December 15, 2022 at 2:00pm EST (6:00pm UTC)	Deadline to register for a Fluxx account (https://gcc.fluxx.io) Note: If you have applied for funding in the past, you already have an account. If you do not remember your password, you can reset it and gain immediate access to the Portal. Simply click on Reset or create password .
December 22, 2022 at 2:00pm EST (6:00pm UTC)	Application submission deadline

May to June 2023	Notification of approval or rejection
May to October 2023	Negotiation of award
August to November 2023	Anticipated project start date

2. Is the start date flexible to accommodate relocation to start a new employment position?

All successful applicants must take up the grant (begin the project period) within 6 months of being notified of their selection. Any deferral beyond this period may result in the forfeiture of the award.

General Program Questions

1. Is the intent of the grant to support specific technology development that is already underway (i.e., development of a new technology platform) or to support the more left-field ideas that have not yet been tested in the lab?

Both. However, we will not consider funding drug or vaccine development, discovery science, strictly capacity-building or advocacy initiatives, ongoing programmatic funding, or ideas that are not applicable to unserved and underserved communities in low- and middle-income countries.

2. Are there any restrictions that apply to the tenure of concurrent grants or fellowships?

No. This RFP is focused on seeking projects demonstrating Integrated Innovation that could be easily implemented in low- and middle-income countries to address the human health impacts of climate change. However, please ensure that you are proposing to test an original, bold and innovative idea that is not already funded as a component of another grant (i.e., an independent component that is novel or a follow-on project).

3. Does Grand Challenges have offices or representatives in other countries? If not, how is collaboration defined?

Grand Challenges Canada does not have a formal presence in other countries, though we have several valued partners and collaborators across the globe.

Funded institutions are entirely responsible for the implementation of their innovations, with the Grand Challenges Canada team managing these investments and providing connections to technical support whenever possible. Targets and objectives for the project period are set collaboratively during the negotiation process.

4. If I am successful, what kind of country approvals will I need in order to accept the funding from Grand Challenges Canada? When should I start this process?

Every country has different requirements for accepting foreign money and some countries require a formal approval. It is up to you and your institution to attain any relevant approvals.

Because this process can be lengthy, we recommend that you start as soon as possible, even at time of application for grant. If you need to state information about Grand Challenges Canada in an application, please note that Grand Challenges Canada is a not-for-profit organization incorporated in Canada and the Stars in Global Health program is funded by the Government of Canada.

Some projects may also require ethics approval from the funded institution and/or a relevant body in the country of implementation. GCC will screen for this requirement during negotiations. This can be another time-consuming process, so we also recommended that you start as soon as possible.

Additional Questions

Any additional questions should be sent to stars@grandchallenges.ca.

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