Grand Challenges Canada (GCC) is seeking a Senior Portfolio Manager to play a critical role in developing and supporting phase II of the Options for Pregnancy Termination Innovation Initiative (OPTions). The program is focused on Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights (SRHR) that supports choice and self-determination for women and girls in relation to their sexuality and reproduction. This includes being in control of where, when and how they terminate their pregnancies, in countries where there are one or more legal grounds to do so. The program includes a focus on next generation methods of safe abortion and innovative ways of increasing access to safe abortion.

Grand Challenges Canada is dedicated to supporting Bold Ideas with Big Impact®. Funded by the Government of Canada and other partners, Grand Challenges Canada funds innovators working in low- and middle-income countries, conflict settings and Canada. The bold ideas that Grand Challenges Canada supports integrate science and technology, social and business innovation – known as Integrated Innovation® - and we work to catalyze their scale, sustainability, and impact. One of the largest impact-first funders in Canada, Grand Challenges Canada has funded over 1,300 innovations championed by innovators in more than 106 countries. These innovations have already improved 10 million lives and are expected to save up to 1.78 million lives and improve up to 64 million lives by 2030.

Senior Portfolio Manager
Reporting to the Director of Program Strategy, the Senior Portfolio Manager will play a leadership role in the development and evolution of the OPTions program.

Key responsibilities of the Senior Portfolio Manager include but are not limited to:

- Development and iteration of a portfolio management strategy toward maximizing impact and operational efficiency
- Building and nurturing relationships with key stakeholders in the SRHR and safe abortion ecosystems to define GCC’s role in these systems and collaborate in enabling innovators to succeed
- Supporting the program’s fundraising strategy including liaising with current funders and development of new proposals during engagement with prospective funders
- Developing and managing key partnerships for the development of a quality pipeline of next generation method innovation
- Serving as a thought leader in innovation for safe abortion and comprehensive access to SRHR
- Manage and support a high performing team including providing judgement and advice on grant management, investment proposal development and contract execution
- Support the development of annual targets, priorities & budgets
Qualifications

- Degree in related discipline eg. pharmacology, regulatory affairs, reproductive health sciences etc.
- 5-8 years of work/lived experience with 2+ years of manager level accountabilities.
- Experience in the safe abortion ecosystem and/or managing grants, investments or portfolios considered an asset.
- Solid background in program or project management
- Demonstrated ability to develop and manage internal and external partnerships, including ability to communicate to a variety stakeholders
- Working knowledge of French is a significant asset

Location and Work Requirements:

- We are currently working in a hybrid model. However, as a condition of employment, all GCC staff are required to be available to travel to, and work from the Toronto main office, as business and operational needs require. Any expenses related to travel and or relocating to Toronto are the sole responsibility of the employee and will not be reimbursed by GCC.
- Some international travel will be required.
- Applicants must be eligible to work in Canada

People with disabilities and people with lived experiences in relevant thematic areas are encouraged to apply.

Don’t meet every requirement? Studies have shown that women, people of color, people from LGBTQ2S+ and disabilities communities are less likely to apply to jobs when they do not meet every qualification. At Grand Challenges Canada, we are dedicated to building a diverse, inclusive, authentic, and accountable workplace, so if you are excited about this role but your experience does not align perfectly with every qualification in the job description, we encourage you to apply, as you may be the ideal candidate we are looking for.

Term

- Start date: Nov 1st, 2023
- Full-time, permanent

Benefits

- Health and Dental provided by Sunlife Canada effective on start date
- Enrollment in the Healthcare of Ontario (HOOPP) Defined-Benefit Pension Plan
- Four (4) weeks of paid vacation
- Four (4) day work week (with Friday as a flex/off day), excluding weeks with Statutory holiday (program reviewed annually)
- Access to Employee Assistance Program (EAP), UHN discounts for personal services such as gym, spa and hotel stays

Application process

- Please upload your resume and cover letter here [Application Form]