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## **Call for Applications and Nominations: Grand Challenges Canada Investment Committee**

Grand Challenges Canada, one of Canada's largest impact-first innovation investors, is currently searching for outstanding candidates to join its Investment Committee. Funded by the Government of Canada and other partners, Grand Challenges Canada funds and supports innovators in low- and middle-income countries and Canada. Current areas of focus are Global Health Innovation, Humanitarian Innovation and Indigenous Innovations in Canada.

For more information, please visit the Grand Challenges Canada website at [www.grandchallenges.ca](http://www.grandchallenges.ca)

### **The Role of the Investment Committee**

The Investment Committee is a standing committee of Grand Challenges Canada's Board of Directors. The Investment Committee's mandate is to approve or recommend grants, loans and investments to innovations at the transition-to-scale phase. It reviews management's investment proposals to identify gaps, risks and improvements, and ultimately determines whether to recommend such investments to the Board of Directors or not.

Investment Committee members are volunteers and are not compensated for their time. All travel expenses are reimbursed by the organization consistent with Grand Challenges Canada's Travel Policy.

Terms are for three years with the option of a renewal.

### **Meetings of the Investment Committee**

The Investment Committee expects a very high level of commitment from its members. Quarterly meetings, usually running from three to eight hours, are mostly convened virtually with one in-person meeting per annum. Additionally, members are expected to participate in occasional Grand Challenges Canada program review or planning meetings.

### **Desired Attributes of Prospective Investment Committee Members**

A passion for supporting impact innovation in a not-for-profit environment and relevant lived and work experience in Grand Challenges Canada's focus areas are key attributes for Investment Committee members. In alignment with Grand Challenges Canada's commitment to diversity, inclusion and accessibility, applications from women, people of colour, Indigenous peoples, and people from the LGBTQ2S+ and disabilities communities are encouraged.

The following specific attributes are currently being sought:

- Experience in humanitarian crisis areas
- Experience working as a senior leader in or with government, NGOs, innovators and/or funders in countries where the innovations we support are being tested and transitioned to scale, particularly in the contexts that are currently suffering from the humanitarian emergencies.
- Business experience in the global south such as one of the following would be additional assets:



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- Financial, venture capital and investment structuring experience
- Experience as an entrepreneur
- Experience with public or private sector pathways to scaling and/or sustaining innovations

### **Application/Nomination**

Direct application as well as nominations of prospective candidates are being accepted.

**Direct Application:** To apply directly, please submit your *curriculum vitae* along with a statement of interest of no more than 200 words.

**Nomination:** To nominate a prospective candidate, please send an email with the candidate's name and a short explanation of why they would be a great addition to the Investment Committee. We will follow up with nominators directly about the candidate they intend to nominate.

All applications, nominations, and requests for additional information, can be sent directly to Fawad Akbari, Director, Humanitarian Innovation, Grand Challenges Canada at [fawad.akbari@grandchallenges.ca](mailto:fawad.akbari@grandchallenges.ca)

**Applications and nominations will be accepted until November 30, 2023**