

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation  
**Grand Challenges: Explorations**  
Grant Opportunities in Global Health

One great idea is all it takes to improve the health of millions around the world. What is yours?

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now accepting grant proposals for the Grand Challenges Explorations, a \$100 million initiative to encourage bold and unconventional global health solutions.

Anyone can apply, regardless of your prior experience or institutional affiliation. Previous winners include graduate students, entrepreneurs at start-up companies, and creative thinkers from all fields of research.

Proposals are currently being accepted online until November 2, 2009 on the following topics:

- Create New Ways to Protect Against Infectious Disease
- Create Low-Cost Diagnostics for Priority Global Health Conditions
- Create New Ways to Induce and Measure Mucosal Immunity
- Create New Technologies for Contraception

Go to [https://gce.gatesfoundation.org/ layouts/GCE/Pages/login.aspx](https://gce.gatesfoundation.org/layouts/GCE/Pages/login.aspx) to apply now.

Initial grants will be \$100,000 each, and projects showing promise will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of up to \$1 million. Full descriptions of topics and application instructions are available at:

<http://www.grandchallenges.org/explorations>.

We look forward to receiving innovative ideas from scientists around the world and from all scientific disciplines. If you don't submit a proposal yourself, we hope you will forward this message to someone else who might be interested.

Thank you for your commitment to solving the world's greatest health challenges.