

Grand Challenges Canada: The OPTions Initiative - Request for Proposals

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Program

The Options for Pregnancy Termination (OPTions) Innovation Initiative

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Description

The goal of Options for Pregnancy Termination (OPTions) Innovation Initiative is to support Bold Ideas with Big Impact® for women's and girls' access to safe abortion in low- and middle-income countries, where there are one or more legal grounds to support it. Grand Challenges Canada seeks innovative and transformative approaches that put women and girls in control of where, when and how they terminate their pregnancy. The focus of this call is therefore to support the development and testing of:

1. new approaches to increasing early access to existing abortion products and services, and
2. new methods of pregnancy termination.

Eligibility

1. Eligible applicants include social enterprises and other recognized institutions (e.g., non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and for-profit companies) that are formed and legally incorporated, that can successfully execute the activities in their respective technical area, and that are capable of receiving and administering grant funding. Sole proprietorships are not eligible for funding.
2. A project can have only one (1) Project Lead, who must be affiliated with the institution from which the proposal is being submitted.
3. A Project Lead may only be listed on one (1) application to this Request for Proposals; however, an institution may submit multiple applications. For multiple applications to be

considered from a single institution, the applications must each list a different Project Lead. Please note: each Project Lead must register for their own unique Fluxx Portal account

Funding Availability

Assuming a sufficient number of proposals of merit are received, approximately 20 seed grants (up to \$250,000 each) will be awarded in this round.

Maximum Project Value

\$250,000

Indirect Costs

10%. Please see Section 4.6 of the attached Request for Proposals Guidelines document for more information.

Project Duration

18 to 24 Months. Please note - All successful applicants must complete their project within 24 months. No-cost extensions will not be provided and exceptions are at Grand Challenges Canada's sole discretion.

Special Notes

A limited number of innovations funded through this RFP may have the opportunity to apply for transition-to-scale funding of up to \$1,000,000 CAD, if funding is available, to support the refinement, testing and implementation for scale of innovative solutions that have already achieved proof of concept. Transition-to-scale projects are expected to demonstrate large-scale, real-world impact on access to safe abortion and move towards scale and sustainability. Transition-to-scale projects require support from partners who bring both matching funds and the necessary skill sets to the innovations to operate sustainably at scale.

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Tuesday, January 29, 2019 - 3:00pm	Please submit the full application, including budget and signed OR-5 to the Office of Research Services

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		at research.services@uoguelph.ca [2].
External Deadline	Tuesday, February 12, 2019 - 3:00pm	Applicant to submit completed application package through the Grand Challenges Canada Fluxx Portal [3].



How to Apply

All applications must be submitted through [Grand Challenges Canada Fluxx Portal](#) [3]. If you do not already have an account, the sponsor suggests creating one no later than Tuesday, February 5, 2019, due to processing times.

Information For Co-applicants

If you need to meet a deadline set by the lead institution for this opportunity, please ensure that you provide the Office of Research with at least five days in advance of the lead institution's deadline to review the application, or your proposed component of the project. Please be in touch with the Office of Research at research.services@uoguelph.ca [2] ahead of the deadline if it looks like it will be difficult for you to submit all the required documentation on time (i.e. budget, proposal, OR-5 Form).

Attachment(s)

Attachment	Size
 Request for Proposals - OPTions Initiative [4]	676.4 KB
 Frequently Asked Questions - OPTions Initiative [5]	460.99 KB

For Questions, please contact

For questions related to this Request for Proposals that are not addressed in the FAQ, contact info@optionsinitiative.org [6].

If you require technical assistance with registration or the online application, contact Grand Challenges Canada's Fluxx Technical Support Team at <http://www.grandchallenges.ca/fluxxsupport/> [7]

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[1] <https://www.grandchallenges.ca/programs/optionsinitiative/>

[2] <mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca>

[3] https://gcc.fluxx.io/user_sessions/new

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