

## The Horizon Prize

### Sponsor

MIT Solve

### Description

The Horizon Prize, powered by MIT Solve, seeks technology-based solutions that use data to help rare disease patients get the right care faster and more accurately. To that end, this Challenge seeks solutions that:

- Leverage big data and analytics to improve the detection and diagnosis of rare diseases
- Address the unjust and disproportionate burden of rare diseases faced by disinvested communities and historically underrepresented identity groups
- Promote community and connection among rare disease patients and their advocates
- Unlock collaboration among patients, scientists, and health care providers to improve patient outcomes

Solutions will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Alignment: Solution uses technology to address one of Solve's Global Challenges.
- Potential for Impact: Solution implementation has the potential to impact lives.
- Feasibility: Solution implementation is feasible, and the team has a plan for financial sustainability.
- Inclusive Human-Centered Design: Solution is designed with and for underserved communities; the solution team demonstrates proximity to the community, and embodies and addresses diversity, equity, and inclusion through their solution.
- Innovative Approach: Solution includes a new technology, a new application of technology, a new business model, or a new process for solving the Challenge.
- Scalability: Solution can be scaled to affect the lives of more people.

### Prize

Up to \$150,000 in prize funding is available for up to two solution teams selected for The Horizon Prize.

Finalists will be invited to pitch their solutions to a panel of distinguished judges in September 2021.

### Special Notes

Please note that research activities carried out in the context of COVID-19 need to adhere to the University of Guelph COVID-19 research principles, policies, guidelines and processes as they may be updated from time to time and communicated on the [Office of Research web-page](#).

### Deadlines

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

Type	Date	Notes
<b>External Deadline</b>	Friday, June 18, 2021 - 11:59pm	Solutions must be submitted on the <a href="#">MIT Solve website</a> by the external deadline.

### How to Apply

Submit your solution on the [MIT Solve website](#) by the external deadline.

Please also notify [research.honours@uoguelph.ca](mailto:research.honours@uoguelph.ca) if you have submitted a solution.

### For More Information

For additional information please visit the [MIT Solve website](#) or contact [research.honours@uoguelph.ca](mailto:research.honours@uoguelph.ca).

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