

Grand Challenges



REINVENT THE TOILET CHALLENGE: INDIA

A Grand Challenges India Grant Opportunity

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) under the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Government of India and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in collaboration with India's Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) have launched Grand Challenge India, a partnership framework for joint programs. This partnership aims to support initiatives that could dramatically change the health and development landscape in India and leverage Indian innovations to support other countries facing similar challenges.

The partnership identifies the following priorities for cooperation; 1) reduction of maternal and child mortality and morbidity; 2) scientific and technical solutions for infectious diseases; 3) strengthening India's scientific translation capacity; 4) scientific and technical advances related to agriculture and: 5) scientific advancement in food and nutrition.

REINVENT THE TOILET

Under this joint program, funders seek to support the development of innovative, new sanitation technologies, products and services.

This Request for Proposals is specific and open to anyone who is interested in applying. Grants will be to innovators who are Indian individuals or Indian entities, but we encourage partnerships with researchers in other countries, especially where the opportunity exists to build on established collaborations. The program solicits applications from promising researchers, industries; innovators and designers to develop sustainable sanitation solutions which can address the many challenges facing poor and vulnerable urban and rural populations in India and the developing world. These challenges include suppression of pathogen flows in the environment, improving users' acceptance and experience, ease of maintenance and operation in resource poor settings and complementing existing sanitation infrastructure.

HOW TO APPLY

The submission deadline is **November 15, 2013**. To apply, please visit www.birac.nic.in

To learn more about innovative projects, current grant opportunities, and details on how to apply, visit:

www.grandchallenges.org

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In developing countries, it focuses on improving people's health and giving them the chance to lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty. In the United States, it seeks to ensure that all people — especially those with the fewest resources — have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life. Based in Seattle, Washington, the foundation is led by CEO Jeff Raikes and Co-chair William H. Gates Sr., under the direction of Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett.

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