

GRAND CHALLENGES CANADA – OPTIONS FOR PREGNANCY TERMINATION INNOVATION INITIATIVE (OPTIONS INITIATIVE)

1. Grand Challenges Canada – Options for Pregnancy Termination Innovation Initiative (OPTions Initiative)	
Institución / país	Grand Challenges Canada
Dirigido a	Profesores, investigadores
Plazo	Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until December 31, 2022, or funds are exhausted.
Información / postulación	https://www.grandchallenges.ca/programs/optionsinitiative/ https://optionsinitiative.org/apply/
Descripción general	<p>The Options for Pregnancy Termination Innovation Initiative (OPTions Initiative) supports Bold Ideas with Big Impact®. We seek innovative and transformative approaches that put women, girls and people with diverse sexual and gender identities in control of where, when, and how they terminate their pregnancy where there are one or more legal grounds to support it.</p> <p>The impact of unsafe abortion on women, girls and people with diverse sexual and gender identities is profound. There are more than 25 million unsafe abortions performed annually, the vast majority of which – about 97% – occur in the low- and middle-income countries. As a result, approximately 7 million women and girls are admitted to health facilities with complications. Another 22,800 to 31,000 women and girls die annually from unsafe abortions, making it one of the leading global causes of maternal mortality.</p> <p>Funding Opportunity: Next-Generation Methods</p> <p>Seed grants between \$250,000 to \$400,000 CAD are available for innovations that seek to test and develop next-generation methods of pregnancy termination, menses induction, or conception interruption over an 18 to 24 month period. Funds requested should be commensurate with the activities outlined in the proposal. Collaborative submissions among two or more organizations are welcomed.</p> <p>NEXT GENERATION METHODS: Introducing a next generation method of safe abortion that provides one or more significant improvements over existing methods, including:</p>

	<p>a. Equal or better effectiveness at terminating pregnancy over existing methods</p> <p>b. Permissive within existing regulatory frameworks (e.g., it has other primary indications)</p> <p>c. Ability for self-administration with greater autonomy and privacy</p> <p>d. Cost effective relative to current safe methods</p> <p>e. Ease of use/compliance (e.g. single pill administration)</p> <p>f. Reduced side effects and pain</p> <p>g. The ability to be effectively administered at later stages in gestation</p> <p>For next generation methods interventions, applications may come from any country, including a high-income country. Applications from low- and middle-income countries are particularly welcome.</p>
Contacto en Uniandes para inquietudes	<p>Oficial de proyectos de investigación de la Facultad respectiva (ver lista al inicio del correo).</p> <p>Oficina de Proyectos, Vicerrectoría de Investigación y Creación (odp-vice@uniandes.edu.co).</p> <p>Dirección de Internacionalización / Camilo Villa (oiaresearch@uniandes.edu.co).</p>