

Monday 27th February 2023.

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to inform you that Grand Challenges Africa, in partnership with the Grand Challenges Canada, Global Affairs Canada (GAC), the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), have an OPEN Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) call for **Sustainable Diagnostic Containment Laboratories**.

We kindly seek your support by sharing the call with your network members. Please find the link to the [Request for Expressions of Interest \(English\)](#).

This Expression of Interest (RFEI) is seeking **bold** ideas that will reinvent the diagnostic laboratory, making it fit-for-purpose in resource-limited contexts globally. These innovative solutions are expected to **#reimagine** the physical laboratory to reduce ongoing operational and maintenance costs and allow sustainable presence of safe and secure handling of high-consequence pathogenic materials, whilst maintaining and/or optimizing core functions of a diagnostic laboratory in low- and middle- income countries.



This RFEI represents Phase I of a dual-phase approach to development of a Grand Challenge for Sustainable Diagnostic Laboratories. The pool of Expressions of Interest received will be used to inform the scope of a full Grand Challenge program in Phase II, under which Grand Challenges Canada will award funding. Submission of an Expression of Interest does not constitute an application for funding; however, Expressions of Interest will receive feedback from an external review process designed to improve the quality of full proposals submitted for an open call for funding applications in Phase II. Most promising Expressions of Interest may also be shortlisted for direct invitations to submit full proposals for funding in Phase II.

Deadlines:

The applicant registration deadline is April 12, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. EDT (April 13, 2023 4:59 a.m. UTC). The Expression of Interest submission deadline is April 19, 2023 at 2 p.m. EDT 4:59 6:00 p.m. UTC).

Click to start your application on [Grand Challenges Canada's Fluxx Portal](#).

Grand Challenges Canada will host an applicant information session — Date TBA.

For any **queries**, please submit to sdl@grandchallenges.ca.

Relevant Documents

- [Frequently Asked Questions \(English\)](#) (pdf, 394.05 KB)
- [Application Questions \(English\)](#) (pdf, 76.65 KB)

Regards,

Grand Challenges Africa, Science for Africa Foundation.