

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### BEING - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

This document addresses questions commonly received by Grand Challenges Canada that relate to the [Being Request for Proposals](#) (RFP) launched on April 8, 2024. Additional questions may be submitted via email to [info@being-initiative.org](mailto:info@being-initiative.org).

**For full application, country priorities, and eligibility details please refer to the [full RFP document](#).**

An updated FAQ document will be posted periodically. **This document was last updated on April 30, 2024.**

### Important Links

We strongly encourage applicants to use the following resources as you put together your application:

- **Full RFP Document**
  - [English](#)
  - [French](#)
- **RFP Summary**
  - [English](#)
  - [French](#)
  - [Spanish](#)
- [Global Mental Health Innovations](#)
- [Innovator Resources](#): List of Grand Challenges Canada policies

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## Eligibility Criteria

### 1. How do I know whether my organization is eligible to apply?

Each applicant must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for consideration for this RFP:

- (i). Organizations must be legally incorporated (or the equivalent) and based\* in any country in order to be eligible to apply for funding through this RFP\* and
- (ii). Only organizations implementing their project in at least one of Being's 12 priority countries (Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal\*\*, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Vietnam) will be considered; and
- (iii). Organizations must meet all other eligibility requirements set out in this RFP and FAQ found on the [Grand Challenges Canada website](#) and [Being website](#).

Preference will be given to eligible organizations according to the following order of criteria (1 being the most preferred):

- 1. Youth-led organizations based\* in one of 12 priority countries. This includes organizations in which fifty percent (50%) or more of the individuals in key leadership



positions (such as senior management, Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer) are youth 35 years and under.

2. Organizations based\* in one of Being's 12 priority countries.
3. Organizations based\* in a low- and middle- income country that are collaborating with a locally-based organization in at least one of Being's 12 priority countries.
4. Other eligible organizations.

***\*Based: legally incorporated (or the equivalent) in the applicable country.***

***\*\* Please note that Senegal is not an eligible implementation country at Transition-to-Scale at this time.***

***\*\*\*Please note that Grand Challenges Canada may not be able to fund into a particular country because of funder restrictions, sanctions and other legal regulations, or for business and other reasons.***

For additional information about the eligibility criteria, please refer to the following sections in the Request for Proposals (RFP): **3.11 (POC), 4.11 (TTS) and 5.9 (EC).**

## **2. Are there any countries that Grand Challenges Canada cannot fund, per section 2.1 in the RFP?**

Due to various restrictions, Grand Challenges Canada is currently unable to fund organizations based in the following countries. Please note that this list is subject to change.

- Afghanistan
- Egypt

## **3. Which countries are eligible for project implementation with each funding opportunity?**

ONLY projects being *implemented* in one or more of the following 12 priority countries are eligible to apply to this RFP: Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Vietnam.

Please note – we will not be accepting Transition-to-Scale applications implementing in Senegal at this time.

## **4. Can there be more than one implementation country?**

Yes, multi-country applications are eligible under this RFP. However, GCC encourages applicants to take the following guidance into consideration:

Given the unique and context-specific thematic focus for each country (outlined in Appendix A of the RFP), applicants submitting a multi-country application must provide a clear rationale for how the innovation or solution responds to the unique context of each implementation country.

Please note that the funding maximum remains the same per application. We encourage applicants to carefully consider the funding opportunity to which they are applying, and the suitability of a multi-country innovation, as well as feasibility within the project timeframe/budget.

## 5. How do you define youth-led organizations?

Youth-led organizations are those in which fifty percent (50%) or more of the individuals in key leadership positions (such as senior management, Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer) are youth 35 years and under.

## 6. Are only youth-led organizations eligible to apply?

Non-youth led organizations are eligible to apply as long as other eligibility criteria outlined in the RFP is met. However, priority will be given to youth-led organizations.

## 7. Do I need match funding?

- **Proof-of-Concept** – match funding is not a requirement. However, all successful applicants are encouraged to start securing match funding during the proof-of-concept phase to better position their innovation for scaling as this would become a requirement should your innovation be invited to apply for transition-to-scale funding.
- **Transition-to-Scale** – For most TTS projects, innovators are required to secure 1:1 match funds (minimum of 1:1 cash-based match to Grand Challenges Canada funds) through strategic funders and partners. At its option, Grand Challenges Canada may require more than 1:1 match funds based on the stage of the innovation. Though it is preferred, innovators may not be required to secure a commitment of match funds at the application stage and exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis by Grand Challenges Canada, at its option.
- **Ecosystem Catalyst** – match funding is not a requirement.

## 8. Must I be a citizen or permanent resident of the country through which I am applying?

No. Grants are not awarded based on citizenship or nationality. You do not have to be a citizen or permanent resident of the country through which you are applying. However, you must be affiliated with an institution in an eligible country. Individuals are not eligible for grants from Grand Challenges Canada.

## 9. What do you define as an eligible institution?

Eligible applicants include legally recognized organizations (e.g. corporations, social enterprises, non-profit, for-profit, limited liability companies, research/academic institutions) that:

- a. are formed and legally incorporated (or its equivalent)
- b. can successfully perform activities in their technical area
- c. can receive and administer funding

The following are ineligible:

- Individuals
- Sole proprietorships
- Unincorporated trusts and partnerships
- Government organizations

- United Nations country offices

## **10. What does “incorporated” mean in terms of eligibility?**

The meaning of ‘legally incorporated’ will vary across different jurisdictions. It is the responsibility of every applicant to understand how this applies to their own jurisdiction. Typically, ‘legally incorporated’ means that the entity is incorporated as its own legal person, having separate and distinct legal identity. For example, local “registration” of an international NGO would not meet this eligibility requirement. However, an incorporated trust or incorporated partnership (sometimes a limited liability partnership in certain jurisdictions) would be eligible. While this requirement will be screened during the Eligibility Screen, Grand Challenges Canada will also conduct a more in-depth due diligence of this criteria during the negotiations process for selected projects.

## **11. Do Indian institutions require FCRA approval in order to apply?**

Yes, not for profit Indian institutions must have proof of FCRA approval or exemption at the time of applying. For profit institutions will not be eligible for a grant but could be eligible for a services/project agreement instead. Please consult your legal counsel for more details.

## **12. What are the requirements for Vietnamese organizations to receive foreign funding?**

Please consult your legal counsel for more details.

## **13. Can an institution submit more than one proposal?**

Yes. 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 and each Project Lead must register for their own unique Fluxx Portal account.

## **14. Can an applicant submit more than one proposal?**

No. A Project Lead may only be listed on one application to this RFP.

## **15. Can a Project Lead previously funded under the Global Mental Health Program submit an application for this RFP?**

Project Leads previously funded under the Global Mental Health Program are only eligible to apply for this RFP if their previous project has closed or will be closing before the anticipated start date of this new grant. However, institutions currently funded under Round 2 are eligible to apply (if all eligibility criteria are met) with a different Project Lead.

## **16. I previously submitted an application for funding under the Global Mental Health Program but was unsuccessful. Can I submit the same proposal for this RFP?**



Yes, you can submit the same proposal as long as your proposed innovation aligns with the scope of the RFP, and you meet the eligibility requirements.

**17. Do I need specific academic qualifications to apply?**

No. This RFP is open to everyone regardless of age or academic qualifications. The Project Lead and team must have the skills needed to carry out the proposed activities of the innovation and administer the grant.

**18. Do I need a local collaborator?**

No. If the applying institution is not based in the country in which the innovation will be implemented, collaboration with a locally-based organization is advantageous and encouraged, but not required.

**19. Can Grand Challenges Canada assist me in arranging a collaborator?**

Applicants must seek collaborations independently. Grand Challenges Canada will not assist applicants in arranging collaborations. Applicants can review prospective collaborators by joining the Global Health Innovation LinkedIn group at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3839474/>.

**20. Can a group of people submit a proposal together with one or more co-applicants?**

While collaboration is encouraged, proposals can only have one lead applicant who is also the Project Lead.

## **Topic Areas**

**21. What types of innovations are in scope for the Being RFP?**

We are looking to fund bold prevention and promotion ideas that address the early drivers of mental health and wellbeing for the most underserved 10- to 24-year-olds. Being seeks to fund innovative solutions that meet the context-specific upstream drivers of young people's mental health and wellbeing along with ecosystem-level efforts that address the broader systematic barriers that hinder sustainable implementation and broader integration of mental health and wellbeing promotion and prevention initiatives.

Being seeks culturally sensitive and community driven approaches that account for the complex social and environmental factors contributing to young people's mental health and wellbeing. Importantly, these approaches must take a person centered, rights-based approach, and must involve young people and people with lived experience of mental health challenges from the outset.

Projects must also be aligned with the specific thematic priorities identified through locally-led landscape analyses and consultations in each of the twelve (12) priority countries (Colombia,



Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Vietnam).

For additional information, please refer to the following sections in the RFP: 2.2, 3.2 and 4.3 (general focus areas) and Appendix A (country specific areas of focus).

## **22. Who is the target population?**

POC and TTS innovations must ultimately benefit the most underserved 10- to 24-year-olds in at least one of the twelve (12) priority countries (Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Vietnam). Innovations may choose to focus on a specific age group within the range of 10- to 24-year-olds and consider which types of interventions are best aligned with the developmental needs of specific age groups. While young people are the primary target beneficiaries, certain countries may include parents / caregivers and teachers as secondary target beneficiaries.

EC projects must focus on national and/or sub-national level activities that strengthen local ecosystems for prevention and promotion initiatives and address country specific barriers for youth mental health and wellbeing and related innovations in one of the 12 priority countries. Target users will involve a range of actors, please refer to section 5.3 in the RFP for a list of potential actors.

For additional information on the target users for each funding opportunity, please refer to the following sections in the RFP: 3.4 (POC), 4.4 (TTS), and 5.3 (EC).

## **23. How were the topic areas determined for this RFP?**

We believe those closest to the challenges are best placed to identify needs and barriers and offer impactful and sustainable solutions. Being's funding priorities are guided by locally driven country analyses and consultations with youth, policymakers, local organizations, and mental health experts.

A year-long landscape analysis with youth, policymakers, local organizations, mental health experts, and other stakeholders, which included consultations, research and consensus-building, identified the key factors influencing youth mental health in each country. These findings informed the topic areas for our Proof-of-Concept, Transition-to-Scale, and Ecosystem Catalyst funding.

For additional information on Being's approach to identifying these topic areas, please refer to section 1.4 in the RFP.

## **24. My project involves extending an ongoing project. Am I eligible to apply for funding?**

Depending on the funding opportunity you are applying for, extending an ongoing project may be in scope.

For additional information on which funding opportunities allow extending ongoing projects, please refer to question 30 in this FAQ.



## 25. Are research proposals eligible?

We will not fund projects that are strictly research-based. While research may be a component of your project, projects must include an innovative approach to addressing the country specific areas of focus outlined in Appendix A of the RFP.

For additional information on what we fund, please refer to the following sections in the RFP: 2.2 (general areas of focus), 3 (POC), 4 (TTS), and 5 (EC).

## 26. Can you explain what you mean by “demonstrate meaningful involvement of young people and people with lived experiences of mental health challenges in the design, testing and evaluation of the innovation”?

We expect that innovators actively involve young people and people with lived experiences of mental health challenges and use their insights to shape the design, testing and/or evaluation of the project.

Meaningful involvement will look different for each innovation. We expect that applicants describe how their involvement of young people and young people with lived experiences is considered meaningful in the context of the proposed innovation.

## 27. Will there be another call for applications which addresses target users beyond those mentioned in the Being RFP?

At this time, the timing and scope of future RFPs have not yet been determined. We encourage you to check our website regularly or subscribe to the [Being and Global Mental Health mailing list](#) to learn about new funding opportunities and other program announcements.

## Funding and Duration

### 28. What type of funding opportunities are available through this RFP?

There are three types of available funding opportunities:

- Proof-of-Concept (POC) - see section 3 of the RFP for detailed information
- Transition-to-Scale (TTS) - see section 4 of the RFP for detailed information
- Ecosystem Catalyst (EC) - see section 5 of the RFP for detailed information

### 29. How do the three funding opportunities, POC, TTS and EC, differ?

Question	Proof-of-Concept	Transition-to-Scale	Ecosystem Catalyst
<b>What is the total amount of funding available for each project?</b>	Applicants can apply for funding up to \$250,000 CAD.	Applicants can apply for funding between \$300,000 and \$1,500,000 CAD	Applicants can apply for funding between \$200,000 and \$300,000 CAD
<b>Is there a minimum amount of funding that</b>	There is no minimum amount of funding, however, we expect	\$300,000	\$200,000

<b>applicants can apply for?</b>	POC grants to be approximately \$250,000 CAD to achieve the goals and priority outcomes outlined in the RFP.		
<b>What is the duration of the grant?</b>	15, 18, or 24 months	Between 12 – 48 months	Up to 24 months
<b>Is the call for grant or non-grant financing?</b>	Grant financing only	Grant, loan and equity financing are available.	Grant financing only

### 30. I am unsure if my innovation is best suited for POC, TTS or EC funding – how do I know which funding opportunity to apply to?

#### Proof-of-Concept Projects

- I have an idea based on evidence (ie. based on literature or other sectors) that aligns with the area of focus for at least one of the 12 priority countries (as per Appendix A of the RFP), that I would like to develop into a model or prototype.
- I have a model or prototype of a program, product, or service that aligns with the area of focus for at least one of the 12 priority countries (as per Appendix A of the RFP), but it needs to be tested.
- I have an innovative program, product, or service that aligns with the area of focus for at least one of the 12 priority countries (as per Appendix A of the RFP), that needs to be adapted and tested in a new way.

#### Transition-to-Scale Projects

- I have a model or prototype of a program, product, or service that works and aligns with the area of focus for at least one of the 12 priority countries (as per Appendix A of the RFP) and I have tested it, but now it needs refinement and more testing.
- I have an innovative program, product, or service developed and tested, and aligns with the area of focus for at least one of the 12 priority countries (as per Appendix A of the RFP) but I need support making a plan to scale it.
- I have an innovative program, product, or service developed and tested and aligns with the area of focus for at least one of the 12 priority countries (as per Appendix A of the RFP), but I need support planning to make it sustainable.

#### Ecosystem Catalyst Projects

- I have a demonstrated track record of, and/or I am currently working on, national or sub-national efforts to strengthen the mental health ecosystem in one of the 12 priority countries through coordination, advocacy, and/or policy change. I also have existing relationships with government and other relevant stakeholders (such as civil society) and have an idea for how to leverage these partnerships and experience to achieve the target outcomes in my selected country (as per Appendix A in the RFP).

### **31. How will for-profit companies receive the funds, is this done through a service payment? Does the funding cover taxes?**

For profit companies will receive funds through a wire transfer payment once a project agreement or grant agreement has been signed.

The funding may cover taxes, but this depends on the type of tax and whether it is needed to execute the project. For more information on eligible costs, including taxes, please refer to the Grand Challenges Canada's [Cost Directive](#).

## **Application Process and Timelines**

### **32. What is the application process for each funding opportunity (Proof-of-Concept, Transition-to-Scale, and Ecosystem Catalyst)?**

Applications for all three types of funding opportunities will be accepted on a rolling basis. This means that applications are continually accepted and reviewed at specific intake periods until the total funding allocated for each opportunity has been awarded. Applications will be reviewed at intake periods identified in the tables below. All applications will involve a two-stage application process: completing a screening questionnaire and submitting a project summary (**stage one**) and submitting a full project application (**stage two**). Only those applications that pass screening (**stage one**) will be invited to submit a full application (**stage two**).

For additional details about the application process for each type of funding opportunity, please refer to the following sections in the RFP:

- Proof-of-Concept: 3.7, 3.8, and 3.9
- Transition-to-Scale: 4.7, 4.8, and 4.9
- Ecosystem Catalyst: 5.5, 5.6, and 5.7

To apply for funding, applicants MUST use the online application form provided, which is ONLY accessible via Grand Challenges Canada's application portal, Fluxx <<https://gcc.fluxx.io>>.

### **33. When will my application be reviewed and when will the funding decision be announced?**

Applications submitted for Proof-of-Concept (POC), Transition-to-Scale (TTS), and Ecosystem Catalyst (EC) funding will be accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed at intake periods.

Grand Challenges Canada has established fixed submission deadlines for reviewing applications received within each intake period. Application reviews are expected to occur quarterly or semi-annually and may occur more frequently in the first year of the RFP.

**Please note:** All applications will involve a two-stage process: completing a screening questionnaire, submitting a project summary (**stage one**), and submitting a full application (**stage two**).

All applications will also undergo a two-stage review process: a screening phase (stage one) and an external peer review (stage two). **Only those applications that pass screening (stage**

one) will be invited to participate in the full application process, which will undergo external peer review (stage two).

Please refer to the tables below for anticipated application and review timelines for each (POC, TTS, EC) funding opportunity. **The tables below are intended as guidance and only list the estimated intake cycles for the first six (6) months of this RFP. This table will be regularly updated as dates of future application intake periods are determined.**

Please note:

- The **Application Intake Period**, **Fluxx registration deadline**, and **Stage One Application Submission deadline** are fixed for each cohort of applicants. Any changes made to these dates will be clearly communicated to applicants before the deadline.
- All other timelines provided are estimates and actual timelines for the review and selection may vary depending on the number and quality of applications received.
- The term cohort is used in the tables below to refer to the applications received in each application intake period.

### Proof-of-Concept (POC)

POC funding will take approximately six (6) to nine (9) months to move through the application process from submission to project start. *Due to the high expected volume of applicants and the nature of the review process at POC, applications are reviewed in cohorts. All applications received during the same intake period will move through the review process on the same timeline, per the schedule in this table.*

Key Event	Key Dates	
	Cohort 2 (ACTIVE)	Cohort 3 (Future)
Application Intake Period	May 1 <sup>st</sup> – June 26 <sup>th</sup>	June 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>
Fluxx Registration Deadline	June 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, at 11:59 pm ET	Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, at 11:59 pm ET
Stage One Application Submission Deadline ( <i>open to all</i> )	June 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, at 12:00 pm ET	Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, at 12:00 pm ET
Invitation to submit Stage Two Application	August 2024	November 2024
Stage Two Application Submission Deadline ( <i>by invitation only</i> )	4 weeks after invitation to submit	4 weeks after invitation to submit
Notification of Approval or Rejection	November 2024	February 2025

<b>Negotiation of Award</b>	November 2024 – March 2025	February 2025 – June 2025
<b>Anticipated Start Date</b>	January 2025 – April 2025	April 2025 – July 2025

*Table 1: Key events and dates for current and upcoming application intake cycles for Proof-of-Concept funding.*

### Transition-to-Scale (TTS)

TTS funding will take approximately nine (9) to twelve (12) months to move through the application process from submission to project start.

Key Event	Key Dates	
	Cohort 2 (ACTIVE)	Cohort 3 (Future)
<b>Application Intake Period</b>	<b>May 1<sup>st</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>June 26<sup>th</sup> – Sept 25<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Fluxx Registration Deadline</b>	June 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, at 11:59 pm ET	Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, at 11:59 pm ET
<b>Stage One Application Submission Deadline (<i>open to all</i>)</b>	June 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, at 12:00 pm ET	Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, at 12:00 pm ET
<b>Invitation to submit Stage Two Application</b>	July – August 2024	October – November 2024
<b>Stage Two Application Submission Deadline (<i>by invitation only</i>)</b>	4-6 weeks after invitation to submit	4-6 weeks after invitation to submit
<b>Invitation to Begin Due Diligence Process</b>	November 2024	February 2025
<b>Notification of Approval or Rejection</b>	January 2025 – March 2025	April 2025 – June 2025
<b>Negotiation of Award</b>	January 2025 – June 2025	April 2025 – September 2025
<b>Anticipated Start Date</b>	February 2025 – June 2025	May 2025 – August 2025

*Table 2: Key events and dates for current and upcoming application intake cycles for Transition-to-scale funding.*

### Ecosystem Catalyst (EC)

EC funding will take approximately nine (9) move through the application process from submission to project start.

Key Event	Key Dates	
	Cohort 2 (ACTIVE)	Cohort 3 (Future)
Application Intake Period	May 1 <sup>st</sup> – June 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	June 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Fluxx Registration Deadline	June 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, at 11:59 pm ET	Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, at 11:59 pm ET
Stage One Application Submission Deadline ( <i>open to all</i> )	June 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, at 12:00 pm ET	Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, at 12:00 pm ET
Invitation to submit Stage Two Application	July – August 2024	October – November 2024
Stage Two Application Submission Deadline ( <i>by invitation only</i> )	4-6 weeks after invitation to submit	4-6 weeks after invitation to submit
Notification of Approval or Rejection	October – November 2024	January – February 2025
Negotiation of Award	October – March 2025	January – May 2025
Anticipated Start Date	December 2024 – March 2025	March – June 2025

Table 3: Key events and dates for current and upcoming application intake cycles for Ecosystem Catalyst funding.

### 34. What is the difference between the Fluxx registration deadline and the Stage One application submission deadlines?

To manage processing times on Grand Challenges Canada's application portal, Fluxx, we require applicants to register for Fluxx at least 7 days before application submission deadlines.

- A. **Fluxx registration deadline** is the deadline to register for an account on Grand Challenges Canada's Fluxx Portal at [https://gcc.fluxx.io/user\\_sessions/new](https://gcc.fluxx.io/user_sessions/new). This is only to gain access to the application platform (if you do not already have an existing account) and is not a submission deadline. *The Fluxx registration deadlines are set to 7 days before submission deadlines, to allow our team to process your account registration and troubleshoot issues.*
- B. **Stage One application submission deadline** is the deadline to SUBMIT your stage One application via Fluxx (if you would like your application to be reviewed and approved/rejected according to the provided timeline tables). Please remember to press the "Submit" button and ensure that you receive an email confirmation of your submission before you close the page. **No applications will be accepted over email.**

### **35. What are the Fluxx registration and Stage One Application submission deadlines for the CURRENT applicant intake cycle (May 1-June 26, 2024)?**

**Fluxx registration deadline** – June 19, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. EDT (3:59 a.m. GMT)

**Stage One application submission deadline** – June 26, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. EDT (4:00 p.m. GMT)

Please refer to the application timeline tables in [Question 33](#) for the Fluxx registration and Stage One Application submission deadlines associated with each application intake cycle. Please refer to [Application Submission](#) section in the FAQ for additional information on how to apply through Fluxx.

### **36. What happens if I submit my application after the Stage One Application Deadlines in the above table?**

Each Stage One application submission deadline corresponds to an application intake period and cohort. The date of application submission will determine the cohort you will be placed in and will impact the timeline of subsequent key events (e.g. invitation to submit Stage Two application, approval, and start date) per the above tables. Applications submitted after any of the Stage One application deadlines will still be accepted, but they will be included in the following cohort.

## **Application Submission**

### **37. How do I submit an application?**

To apply for funding, applicants **MUST** use the online application form provided, which is **ONLY** accessible via Grand Challenges Canada's application portal, Fluxx <<https://gcc.fluxx.io>>.

If the Project Lead already has an existing account on Fluxx they should utilize this account. Otherwise, applicants should create an account using the following link: [Create an account](#). Once you have created an account, please allow for **up to three (3) business days** for Grand Challenges Canada to process your information.

Once your information has been processed, you will be emailed login credentials to access Fluxx (<https://gcc.fluxx.io>) where the application form is available. You will need to input and submit answers to the application questions through this form. **Please note** that you can save and come back to an application (to edit, complete) until you submit the application.

Please remember to press the "Submit" button and ensure that you receive an email confirmation of your submission before you close the page.

Additional information on applying through Fluxx can be found in Appendix D of the RFP and in the Fluxx Reference Guide, which can be found here: <https://www.grandchallenges.ca/fluxxsupport/>

### **38. What happens if I experience technical issues with registering for Fluxx?**





If you encounter technical issues registering for Fluxx, please submit a ticket to report your registration issue (before the registration deadline) at <https://www.grandchallenges.ca/fluxxsupport/>.

#### **39. What happens if I experience technical issues with submitting my application via Fluxx?**

If you encounter technical issues with submitting your application, please submit a **support ticket before the submission deadline** to the Grand Challenges Canada support team at <https://www.grandchallenges.ca/fluxxsupport/> AND email [info@being-initiative.org](mailto:info@being-initiative.org) outlining the nature of the problem. **Please include your application number.**

Please ensure to give yourself plenty of time to register (if needed) and to submit your application ahead of the deadlines.

#### **40. How do I access the application in French?**

When creating a Fluxx account (or accessing an existing account), you will be asked to select your 'preferred language'. The application form will then display in the selected language (English or French).

You will need to contact Fluxx Support if you need to change your Preferred Language.

#### **41. Can I apply in a different language, other than English or French?**

No. Applications will be accepted in English or French only. Any application in a different language will be rejected without review.

#### **42. Can I submit my application via email, mail or in person?**

**No.** All applications to the Being RFP must be submitted through the Fluxx (<https://gcc.fluxx.io/>). **Any application sent via email will NOT be considered.**

#### **43. Can I speak directly with someone on the team who can answer questions that are not addressed on the website through a meeting or phone call?**

Given the volume of queries we are receiving, we are unable to have 1:1 conversations with potential applicants. To maintain a fair process, we are asking that people submit their questions via email to [info@being-initiative.org](mailto:info@being-initiative.org).

**Being hosted an applicant information session on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, for applicants seeking to learn more about the RFP's eligibility, application process and timelines. Watch the information session recording [here](#).**

For applicants unable to attend the webinar or who are applying in a future application intake cycle, the webinar will be recorded and uploaded to our website.

#### **44. What are the different roles mentioned in the application form?**

##### Application form

In the application form, you will find the following 'role' types –



*Project Lead:* Project Leads are ultimately responsible for the implementation of the funded project and must comply with Grand Challenges Canada's requirements for this same purpose. Project Leads must be formally affiliated with the grantee institution. The Fluxx account and profile used to create and submit the application must be that of the Project Lead. This is an important consideration, given the Project Lead and team makeup will be assessed as part of the review process.

*Signing Authority:* This must be a person formally affiliated with the grantee institution and who has been appointed with the powers to commit the authorizing organization to a binding agreement. Their name and role title should be provided.

Please note if your application is selected for funding, you will have the opportunity to add an additional team member from your organization.

#### **45. Are letters of recommendation from partners or collaborators needed for this application?**

No, these documents are not required. However, for Ecosystem Catalyst Grants, we welcome up to three (3) reference letters for the Stage Two application.

#### **46. Will I need to provide any additional information or documentation beyond completing the application form?**

All information and documentation required during each stage of the application process for each funding opportunity will be listed on the application form (i.e. as part of the screening questionnaire and project summary (**stage one**), and the full application (**stage two**)). No additional information is required at the application stage. If the applicant is successful, Grand Challenges Canada will require additional information during our due diligence and negotiation processes.

#### **47. In the application guidelines for the Being RFP, there is a note that applicants are required to seek and obtain sign-off from their affiliated organization/institution(s) before submitting their application. In what format should this permission be granted?**

You are required to obtain approval from your institution before submitting your application, however there is no form or signature that needs to be completed at the time of application. If a grant is awarded, certain documents may be requested at that time.

## **Review Process**

#### **48. What does the review process look like for each funding opportunity?**

All applications will undergo a two-stage review process: screening (stage one) and external peer review (stage two). For Proof of Concept and Transition to Scale applications, stage one will include an eligibility and innovation screen. For Ecosystem Catalyst applications, stage one will include an eligibility screen and relevance screen. Applicants that pass stage one will be invited to participate in the full application process, which will undergo external peer review (stage two).

Proposals that pass through the two-stage process will be presented to the relevant body of Grand Challenges Canada, who makes the final funding decision.



For additional information on the review process for each type of funding, please refer to the following sections in the RFP: 3.10, 3.11 (POC), 4.10, 4.11 (TTS), and 5.8, 5.9 (EC).

**49. Will applicants be advised if they are rejected during the screening and peer review process?**

Yes, at every step of the screening and review process, applicants will be advised if their submission is retained or not and provided with brief feedback whenever possible.

**50. If my application is declined, am I allowed to re-apply in a future intake period?**

Yes, applications declined at any stage of the process can re-apply in future intake periods.

To re-apply, you will need to start a new application. Please do not register for an account again. You can start a new application by logging into your existing Fluxx account.

If you choose to re-apply by submitting a new proposal, we will be looking to see how the team has incorporated the feedback received. Identical proposals will not be considered.

**Additional Questions**

Any additional questions should be sent to [info@being-initiative.org](mailto:info@being-initiative.org). For more information about the Being Initiative, [please refer to our website](#).