

## GLOBAL HEALTH INNOVATION GRAND CHALLENGE 2025: CALL FOR STUDENT TEAMS

Are you passionate about solving real-world health problems? Do you have an innovative idea that could transform healthcare? This is your chance to join a global competition, collaborate with talented students from diverse fields, create impactful health solutions, and share your ideas with leading academic institutions, companies, and government health leaders from around the world!

### ABOUT THE CHALLENGE

The **Global Health Innovation Grand Challenge 2025** is an international competition designed to bring together multi-disciplinary teams of students to tackle current challenges in global health and healthcare. The competition is open to students and physicians in training worldwide who are enrolled at member institutions of the [Global Consortium of Innovation and Engineering in Medicine](#). This competition invites you to form a team, develop your idea, and showcase your solution on the global stage to compete for over \$250,000 USD in prize funding!

### ABOUT THE GLOBAL CONSORTIUM

The **Global Consortium of Innovation and Engineering in Medicine** is an international public-private-government collaborative serving the world as the premier global network to advance medicine through engineering and innovation. The consortium brings together medical and engineering schools, universities, researchers and students, industry and government leaders, philanthropists, and foundations from across the globe to change the future of medicine through collaboration.

### GRAND CHALLENGE OPEN CATEGORY REQUEST FOR SOLUTIONS (OPEN RFS):

Your team's solution should focus on one of these four critical health innovation areas:

- AI applications to improve outcomes in rural or underserved areas globally
- Solutions that improve early disease detection in chronic conditions
- Solutions that slow or reverse disease progression in aging populations
- Low-cost diagnostic, device, or therapeutic solutions for global scalability

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

We encourage diverse, multi-disciplinary student/resident teams to enhance collaboration and creativity. While student teams from any discipline are invited to apply, it is recommended each team should have at least one team member who is a medical student. The competition is open to students enrolled at universities and colleges worldwide who are member institutions of the Global Consortium of Innovation and Engineering in Medicine. Each submitting team must be sponsored by an institutional member of the consortium.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE OPEN RFS:

- 2-page executive summary (instructions on what to include are on the [website](#))
- 3-minute video pitch, outlining your idea and how it addresses one of the target areas (further details listed on the website)
- [Signed letter of approval](#) from sponsoring institution that is a full institutional member of the consortium

## SUBMISSION PROCESS

Each consortium member institution will determine their selection criteria for which teams they will sponsor/financially support to submit applications for the Grand Challenge Competition. Submissions will be reviewed by the Global Health Innovation Grand Challenge Committee who will determine the top Semi-finalists who will be invited to pitch their solutions at the Global Consortium's Inaugural Global Summit held at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, IL, USA, April 6th-8th 2025. At this global summit conference event, semi-finalists will have the opportunity to pitch their ideas to an expert panel and compete for over \$250,000 USD in prize funding in the final pitch competition Monday night April 8, 2025.

## WHY PARTICIPATE?

- **Make a Difference:** Work on real-world health challenges and develop innovative solutions that could change lives on a global scale.
- **Global Networking:** Collaborate with like-minded students/faculty from top medical and engineering institutions across the world and expand your professional network.
- **Skill Development:** Gain hands-on experience in innovation, teamwork, and problem-solving.
- **Win Funding:** The winning teams will compete for over \$250,000 in prize funding to help advance their ideas to real clinical impact.

## TIMELINE

- **Application Deadline: January 15, 2025** (please note local member institutions may have their own, internal deadlines to facilitate letters of support for submissions by this date – see website link for more information).
- Global Grand Challenge (Semi-finals & Final Pitch Events) in Illinois 6-8 April 2025

Don't miss this unique opportunity to drive innovation in global health, gain international recognition, and advance your career!

For more details, contact your local member institution or visit <https://medicine.illinois.edu/about/global-consortium>

**Together, let's advance the future of healthcare globally!**