

Estimating the Global Burden of Diarrheal Diseases

Grand Challenges

Application Instructions

Information required for application

Please refer to the following guidelines as you prepare your application to the RFP “Estimating the Global Burden of Diarrheal Diseases”.

Your application includes:

- Applicant profile and information – completed via our application portal
- Proposal – uploaded as a Microsoft Word® or Adobe® PDF file
 - Maximum 3 pages
 - References and figures are included in this page count
- Table of Burden Measures - uploaded as a Microsoft Word® or Adobe® PDF file
- Budget table and narrative (1 page) - uploaded as a Microsoft Word® or Adobe® PDF file

Please note that the templates for the budget table and narrative and table of burden measures can be found within the application portal within the corresponding upload task. Details on each section can be found below. Along with this application instructions document, we encourage you to reference the request for proposals overview document and the challenge rules and guidelines to ensure that your proposal responds to the challenge.

Applicant Profile

To begin your application, please click on the “Apply for this Opportunity” button at the top of the challenge page. Through this link, you will be able to access the “*Estimating the Global Burden of Diarrheal Diseases*” program. Either create a new account or log-in to the system (if you have previously created an account) and begin your application by filling in the applicant profile.

Proposal File

Proposal Format

Your proposal must be formatted as follows.

- No longer than 3 pages maximum
- 11-point font or larger (font within figures or diagrams can be smaller)
- At least 0.5” margins all around
- Single line spacing
- Standard character spacing (neither expanded nor condensed)
- Aptos, Arial or Times New Roman font
- Microsoft Word® or Adobe® PDF filetype
- Entire file size of 3MB or less
- Please do not include a cover sheet with your proposal. A cover sheet will be automatically generated from your registration data.

Applications that do not adhere to these restrictions may be blocked from submission and review.

Proposal Content

Please include the following in your application (3 pages maximum overall; suggested lengths in parentheses):

1. Introductory information (1/4 - 1/2 page):
 - A short description of the limitations to existing diarrhea burden estimates that your proposal addresses
 - Indicate in one or two sentences **in bold** the essence of your ideas for a solution (1-2 sentences)
2. Proposal information (1.5 pages):
 - Description of which specific morbidity and mortality measures will be estimated
 - Description of the scope of estimates, including for which set of pathogens, for which year(s), and covering what geographic area and scale
 - Broad description of approach to burden estimation across measures (with specific details provided in Table 1)
3. Path to impact (1/2 page):
 - Describe how resulting estimates will be interpreted, compared with existing approaches, and made useful to stakeholders
 - Describe how the proposal will build longer-term analytic capacity in LMICs
4. Team capabilities (1/2 page)
 - Experience and capabilities of the team including any experience conducting burden estimation work

Table of Burden Measures

Using the [provided template](#), add a table for each included burden measure. For each, provide a description of:

- Relevant data sources
- Assumptions
- Analysis methods, including approaches for etiologic attribution in the presence of coinfections
- Methods for projection, interpolation, and/or extrapolation where applicable
- Methods for estimating uncertainty
- Proposed sensitivity analyses

Budget Table and Narrative – 1 page maximum

Please use the [budget template](#) (linked and on the application portal) to include a breakdown of allowable direct costs under the following categories.

- Personnel
- Subcontracts
- Subgrants
- Capital Assets/Equipment
- Travel
- Supplies
- Other Expenses
- Indirect Costs*

**Please review the Gates Foundation [Indirect Cost Policy](#).*

Additionally, please provide a one (1) paragraph budget narrative to explain the major cost drivers and how costs relate to planned activities and target outcomes.

Frequently Asked Questions

Answers to many application questions can be found within the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) document.

Inquiries

Please direct all questions about this initiative, selection criteria or application instructions by e-mail to the following address: grandchallenges@gatesfoundation.org