

Innovations for Health: Solutions that Cross Borders

Grantor: Ashoka Changemakers/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Pioneer Portfolio

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Maximum: \$10,000.00

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Ashoka Changemakers and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Pioneer Portfolio are seeking health care solutions from anywhere in the world that have the potential to be applied in other countries to improve health and health care.

Submit your solution, or nominate a project for this competition, before February 13, 2012, and help improve health care through an innovation that can cross borders.

Early Entry Prize: Entries received by December 12, 2011, 5 p.m. EST will be eligible to win US \$500 and one of two private consulting sessions with industry experts.

Winners' Prizes: Three winners selected by a panel of expert judges will each receive a cash prize of US \$10,000.

Countries throughout the world are seeking to improve the health of their citizens and make quality health care accessible and affordable. Despite their differences, nations are facing a surprisingly similar set of health care challenges, such as fragmented health care ecosystems, high costs, inconsistent quality of care, inefficient systems, and barriers to access and capacity needs.

In response to these challenges, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Pioneer Portfolio is partnering with Ashoka Changemakers to launch the competition, Innovations for Health: Solutions that Cross Borders.

We are looking for cutting-edge health care solutions from anywhere in the world that have the potential to be applied in other countries to improve health and health care.

In today's increasingly interconnected world, we have the vital opportunity to learn from innovations developed beyond our borders. Examples of breakthrough innovations we'd like to see include (but are not limited to) those that:

Deploy the full spectrum of health care workers and providers, thereby improving the capacity, reach, and quality of health care services;

Use simple, low-cost interventions to improve medical, preventive, and dental care;

Help people find and access the health information, services, and providers they need through new tools and processes;

Provide high quality and personalized care in non-traditional settings; and

Find new ways to engage patients in their care, particularly patients with chronic illnesses.

We are looking for initiatives that have demonstrated impact, and we are particularly interested in those that have the potential to help vulnerable and underserved populations in other countries that are experiencing similar barriers to health. It's time to learn from one another and to build bridges toward a more accessible, cost-effective, consumer-engaged, and outcome-driven system of health services.

In addition, following the Changemakers competition, selected entries may be invited to submit proposals to RWJF's Pioneer Portfolio for future funding consideration. The Foundation will be looking for innovations that show potential to produce significant improvement in health and health care in the United States. Only organizations in the United States and its territories are eligible for this post-competition funding opportunity.

Innovate. Collaborate. Be a Changemaker. Submit or nominate a solution today.

Link: <http://www.changemakers.com/innovations4health>