



GATES FOUNDATION FUNDING FACT SHEET

What does the Gates Foundation fund?

“Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In developing countries, we work with partners to create impactful solutions so that people can take charge of their futures and achieve their full potential. In the United States, we aim to ensure that everyone—especially those with the fewest resources—has access to the opportunities needed to succeed in school and life.”

They maintain several grantmaking areas, including:

- Gender Equality
- Global Development Program
- Global Growth & Opportunity Program
- Global Health Program
- Global Policy & Advocacy
- United States Program

Mission of the Gates Foundation

The Gates Foundation's mission is to create a world where every person has the opportunity to live a healthy, productive life. They focus on tackling inequities and improving lives around the world. This involves working with partners to address global health, development, and education challenges. Areas of research include:

- Global health – Reducing the burden of disease in the world, such as efforts against polio or tuberculosis.
- Development – Such as improving access for people and communities that are facing barriers, including marginalized populations.
- Education – Such as ensuring that all young people have the opportunity to reach their full potential.
- Equality – Such as reducing inequities and ensuring all lives have equal value.

They maintain three organizational priorities: to achieve *Impact First*, measured in programmatic goals by lives saved and improved, which is underpinned by a *High-Integrity Culture* and thinking and acting as *One Global Foundation*.

More about the Gates Foundation

Gates Foundation Homepage: <https://www.gatesfoundation.org>

Foundation FAQ: <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/about/foundation-faq>

The role of the Gates Foundation: <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/about/our-role>

Grants process

In general, the Gates Foundation directly invites proposals by directly contacting the applying university. Although, sometimes, the foundation does offer [RFPs here](#).

To apply for a grant with the Gates Foundation:

- Unless contacted directly, review the RFPs available.
- Submit an LOI. [You can find a template here](#).
- If the LOI is approved, you'll be invited to write a proposal. Proposals typically contain at least a budget, timeline, and evaluation plan. The foundation will provide relevant guidelines and templates at this time.
- If the LOI is approved, you will work with a program officer to develop the proposal and integrate their feedback as necessary.
- Once completed, the program officer will complete proposal analysis and recommendation (PAR).
- A foundation executive will then review the proposal, budget, and PAR and determine whether to accept or decline the grant.

Generally, proposals are evaluated with the following criteria:

- Its alignment to the foundation's strategic priorities.
- Scientific validity: Is the science sound?
- Feasibility: Is your project realistic and achievable given your resources, timeline, and budget?
- Potential for impact: The likelihood that the project will produce significant and positive outcomes that align with the foundation's strategic priorities.

DEI efforts

The Gates Foundation maintains that they cannot achieve their organizational priorities without embedding DEI as fundamental principles and practices across their work. They aim to:

- Achieve impact by actively listening to partners and communities they work within and serve, by investing in and elevating their voices and ideas.
- Create a workplace culture that recognizes and values all backgrounds, voices, roles, and contributions.

- Foster practices to help build a workforce that is enriched by a variety of skills, experiences, and perspectives.
- Hold leaders accountable for skill-based hiring, promotion, and development of exceptional candidates, with a broad range of views, experiences, and ideas.

Where to find previously funded Gates Foundation grants.

You can find previously funded grants from the Gates foundation by using their committed grants database: <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/about/committed-grants>. Grants data and annual reports are available.