

Gates Foundation Invites Nominations for New Award Program in Vaccine Innovation

The [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) is accepting nominations for the first Gates Vaccine Innovation Award, which recognizes, celebrates, and spurs transformative ideas for achieving impact through the delivery of vaccines to children in the poorest parts of the world.

The annual award will be presented to the person or team that makes the most innovative contribution toward the foundation's [Decade of Vaccines](#) initiative. The award seeks to credit imaginative and pioneering approaches in areas such as policy, funding, and program execution that have helped improve immunization delivery. As long as an innovation resulted in tangible health impact related to vaccine delivery, it is eligible for consideration. The award is intended to complement other awards already focused on scientific research and development. The winning person or team will receive \$250,000 and earn special recognition from foundation leadership for their contribution.

The program invites the nomination of individuals or groups of individuals who have achieved significant improvements in the prevention, control, or elimination of vaccine-preventable diseases through immunization. The award is open to individuals from any discipline. Candidates from academic institutions, governments, healthcare facilities, research institutions, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit companies may be nominated.

Complete program information and the nomination form are available at <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/vaccines/Pages/vaccine-innovation-award.aspx>