

WLEH INNOVATION HUB

TURNING BOLD IDEAS INTO ACTION!

WOMEN LEADERS IN EYE HEALTH

About the Innovation Hub

The Innovation Hub, part of the WLEH Accelerator Track, supports women in eye health to design and implement innovative solutions that strengthen leadership, advance gender equity, and drive institutional or system-level change in support of eye health systems.

This initiative builds on WLEH's commitment to enabling women leaders in eye health to move from ideas to real-world impact through targeted financial support.

What kinds of innovations can be funded?

Women leaders in eye health applicants, are invited to submit ideas across a range of categories, including:

- Mentorship initiatives
- Clinical exchange or training innovations
- Clinical or implementation research
- Clinical trials or studies
- Service delivery or quality improvement

Innovations should be practical, feasible, and aligned with WLEH's focus on gender equity, leadership, and institutional change.

IMPORTANT NOTE: FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS CALL. A SEPARATE CALL FOR FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS WILL BE LAUNCHED SOON.

What we are looking for

Proposals will be assessed based on:

- Alignment with women's leadership and gender equity goals
- Clear definition of the problem and target population
- Strength and relevance of the innovation approach
- Feasibility and readiness to implement
- Potential for measurable impact and learning
- Appropriate and justified use of funds. Grants typically average **around USD 3,000**, with final amounts determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the needs of each initiative.

Application Timeline

- Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis
- Open through November 2026
- Early submission is strongly encouraged

How to Apply

Applicants will be asked to submit:

- A short online application form
- A Concept Note (maximum 3 pages) outlining:
  - The problem or gap
  - Proposed innovation
  - Expected outcomes
  - Timeline and use of funds

Why Apply?

- Access seed funding to bring your idea to life
- Contribute to advancing gender equity in eye health
- Strengthen your role as a leader and innovator
- Generate measurable impact within your institution or community, within the eye health system

Have an idea that can drive change in eye health?

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