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#### **The Millennium Project Nodes**

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# GLOBAL FUTURES RESEARCH



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- Communicable diseases, Immune Microorganisms
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- 1. Global Challenges
- 2. Futures Research
- 3. Foresight Methods.

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