



UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM  
Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor - Research  
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Research Funding Opportunities with Deadlines in the First Quarter of 2026

Group 1

27<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**1. Wellcome Trust - Career Development Award**

**Deadline: 26 March 2026**

**Focus:** Global health, climate & health

**Indicative Grant Size:** Under £250K excluding the applicant's salary

**Eligibility:** Mid-career researcher(s)

**Prep:** Develop concept note with international partners

**URL:** <https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/wellcome-career-development-awards>

**2. EU Horizon Europe - Climate Adaptation and Resilience**

**Deadline: 20 Jan 2026**

**Focus:** Climate adaptation, resilience, and cross-sectoral innovation for sustainable development.

**Indicative Grant Size:** €3m-€12m

**Eligibility:** Staff-led / Consortium (minimum 3 partners from 3 EU/associated countries; African partners encouraged)

**Prep:** Engage EU-Africa partners, attend brokerage events, prepare consortium proposal

**URL:** <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2026-climate-01-01>

**3. Wellcome Trust - Discovery Awards**

**Deadline: 31 March 2026**

**Focus:** Any discipline that concerns bold and creative research ideas in generating significant shifts in understanding human life, health and wellbeing.

**Indicative Grant Size:** £3.5m-£5m

**Eligibility:** Established researcher

**Prep:** Develop research proposal

**URL:** <https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/wellcome-discovery-awards>

**4. Comparative & Descriptive Action Research**

ESSA (Education Sub Saharan Africa)

**Deadline: Jan 11, 2026**

**Focus:** School leadership, education policy, and learning outcomes in Africa

**Indicative Grant Size:** Up to \$35k

**Prep:** Draft proposal on school leadership; budget up to \$35k.

**URL:** <https://essa-africa.org/index.php/node/2012>

**5. Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth Scholarships - ACU / Commonwealth**

**Deadline: Jan 14, 2026**

**Focus:** 2-year Master's degree in low/middle-income Commonwealth countries

**Prep:** Finalize university application & scholarship statement

**URL:** <https://www.acu.ac.uk/funding-opportunities/for-students/scholarships/queen-elizabeth-commonwealth-scholarships/>

UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply