



UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor - Research Directorate of Research and Publication

Research Funding Opportunities with Deadlines in the First Quarter of 2026

Group 1

27th 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

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