



UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM  
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Research Funding Opportunities with Deadlines in the First Quarter of 2026  
Group 6  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

1. Research Council of Norway

**Deadline:** 28 Jan 2026

**Focus:** Researcher project examining local elections and democratic processes in Norway and partner countries

**Indicative Grant Size:** NOK 20 million per project (≈ \$400k-1.2m)

**Eligibility:** Research organisations; African partners eligible via collaboration agreements

**Prep:** Draft proposal; secure institutional collaboration; submit via RCN portal

**URL:**

<https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/financing/what/application-deadlines/>

2. Research Council of Norway - Multiple Application Types

**Deadline:** 11 Mar 2026

**Focus:** Open calls for Researcher Projects, Young Research Talent, International Mobility, and Innovation projects

**Indicative Grant Size:** NOK 4.7 - 7.4 million per project (≈ \$470-740k)

**Eligibility:** Research organisations; joint projects with African institutions

**Prep:** Identify Norwegian partner; co-design proposal; submit via RCN portal

**URL:** <https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/call-for-proposals/2025/researcher-project-international-mobility-fripro/>

3. Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (WHO) Call for Expressions of Interest: Building Better Ways of Knowing

**Deadline:** 16 Jan 2026

**Focus:** Develop and test *new methods of generating health evidence* to advance equity in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)

**Indicative Grant Size:** \$100k-\$250k per project

**Eligibility:** Institutions from LMICs (UDSM directly eligible)

**Prep:** Draft concise Expression of Interest (EOI); outline methodology and equity impact; submit via WHO Alliance portal

**URL:** [https://ahpsr.org/submitting-expressions-of-interest-building-better-ways-of-knowing-exploring-new-methods-in-how-health-science-knowledge-is-generated-to-advance-improved-policy-solutions-toward-health-equity/?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://ahpsr.org/submitting-expressions-of-interest-building-better-ways-of-knowing-exploring-new-methods-in-how-health-science-knowledge-is-generated-to-advance-improved-policy-solutions-toward-health-equity/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

4. Spencer Foundation - Large Research Grants on Education

**Deadline:** Pre-proposal due **24 Feb 2026** (12:00 PM Central Time, North America); full proposal (by invitation) due **23 Jun 2026**

**Focus:** Rigorous, field-initiated education research projects addressing pressing questions in education

**Indicative Grant Size:** \$125k-\$500k (1-5 years)

**Eligibility:** Open to international institutions, including universities outside the U.S. (**UDSM staff directly eligible**)

**Prep:** Draft pre-proposal (2-3 pages) outlining research aims, methods, and significance; submit via Spencer portal

**URL:** [https://www.spencer.org/grant\\_types/large-research-grant](https://www.spencer.org/grant_types/large-research-grant)

5. Spencer Foundation - Research-Practice Partnerships (Collaborative Research for Educational Change)

**Deadline:** Full proposal (by invitation) due **31 Mar 2026** (12:00 PM Central Time, North America)

**Focus:** Collaborative education research partnerships between researchers and practitioners/policymakers; emphasis on equity and systemic change

**Indicative Grant Size:** Up to \$400k (up to 3 years)

**Eligibility:** Open to partnerships worldwide; Spencer encourages applications from higher education institutions outside the U.S. (**UDSM staff eligible if partnered with Tanzanian schools, ministries, or NGOs**)

**Prep:** Submit pre-proposal describing partnership history, governance, and research agenda; highlight equity and community engagement

**URL:** [https://www.spencer.org/grant\\_types/research-practice-partnerships](https://www.spencer.org/grant_types/research-practice-partnerships)

6. Swedish Research Council - International Collaboration Calls

**Deadlines:**

- 30 Jan 2026 (ERA4Health - health research)
- 3 Feb 2026 (EUP OHAMR - antimicrobial resistance)
- 9 Feb 2026 (EP PerMed - personalised medicine)
- 17 Feb 2026 (ERA4Health - personalised medicine)

**Focus:** International collaboration in health, AMR, personalised medicine

**Indicative Grant Size:** SEK 3-5 million per project (approx. €250k-€400k)

**Eligibility:** Swedish host required; UDSM eligible via partnership

**Prep:** Partner with Swedish PI; co-develop proposal; submit via VR portal

**URL:** <https://www.vr.se/english/applying-for-funding/calls-and-decisions.html>

*UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply*