



UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM
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Research Funding Opportunities with Deadlines in the First Quarter of 2026

Group 7

14th January 2026

1. Green Economy Initiatives - Southern Africa

Deadline: 31 Mar 2026

Focus: Sustainable and inclusive **green economy transitions** in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

Indicative Funding: €300k-€950k (project level)

Eligibility: NGOs, civil society organisations, research institutions, public bodies based in SADC member countries including Tanzania (UDSM eligible).

Prep: Confirm UDSM institutional registration and SADC eligibility; define a green economy project concept with clear outcomes and theory of change; identify partners (CSOs, local government, private sector) in at least one SADC country; prepare a budget and co-financing plan (10% required); map policy uptake pathways in regional policy fora.

URL: <https://sadctfcaff.praxisgms.co.za/>

2. LEAP-SE / EU-Africa Research Consortia Funding (via Participating National Agencies)

Deadline: 5 Feb 2026

Focus: Large-scale EU-Africa sustainable energy and climate research consortia, building partnerships between African and European universities/research institutions.

Indicative Grant Size: €1.5m per project.

Eligibility: NGOs, civil society organisations, research institutions, public bodies based in SADC member countries.

Prep: Confirm consortium eligibility; identify right partner early; align with national funding rules; prepare scientific core; administrative readiness.

URL: <https://www.leap-re.eu/>

3. Penn Sustainability & Conservation Science Postdoctoral Fellowship

Deadline: 30 Jan 2026.

Focus: Joint sustainability science research bridging academic theory and conservation practice.

Indicative Grant Size: \$70k annual stipend; \$10k annual research fund; \$2k professional travel support; \$k one-time relocation reimbursement.

Eligibility: Postdoctoral researchers worldwide with strong research proposals and institutional support.

Prep: Secure required mentors; develop a joint research concept, etc.

URL: <https://opportunitydesk.org/2026/01/06/penn-sustainability-and-conservation-science-postdoctoral-fellowship-2026/>

4. Elsie Initiative Fund - 4th Programming Round

Deadline: 31 Jan 2026

Focus: Gender-responsive institutional reforms in peace operations; strengthening women's participation and addressing operational barriers.

Indicative Funding: USD 100k -1.5m

Eligibility: Governments, UN agencies, and large civil society actors; UDSM eligible via partnership/collaboration (research components under eligible lead).

Prep: Identify potential government/UN partners who can lead; align UDSM research components (gender analysis, M&E frameworks); prepare co-creation notes for integration into the full proposal; clarify governance and joint deliverables.

URL: <https://elsiefund.org/fourth-programming-round/>

5. STEG Larger Research Grants 2026

Deadline: 02 Feb 2026 (23:59 BST)

Focus: Policy-relevant empirical/theoretical research on structural transformation and economic growth, particularly for low-income countries. Themes include measurement, industrial policy, labour, agriculture, trade, and public sector roles.

Indicative Grant Size: Up to £100k (flexible for certain data costs).

Eligibility: Researchers worldwide; PI must hold/enrolled in PhD; collaborative teams encouraged.

Confirm fit with STEG objectives; assemble strong research team, etc.

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URL: <https://grp.cepr.org/steg/funding-calls/6th-call-proposals-steg-large-research-grants>

6. Leprosy Research Initiative (LRI) Flagship Grant Program 2026

Deadline for LOI: 23 Jan 2026, 17:00 CET

Focus: Major research into leprosy and related neglected tropical diseases, operational, clinical and implementation science that can influence health policy and services.

Indicative Grant Size: No fixed ceiling, €30k/yr but exceptional larger budgets can be funded depending on proposal; multi-year funding.

Eligibility: Open to researchers and institutions proposing work in LRI priority areas; preference for endemic contexts but global applicants welcome; Individuals or research teams (via institutional application).

Prep: Prepare a strong concept note/LOI aligned with LRI priorities; demonstrate local relevance and policy impact; Identify implementation or health-system partners where applicable; assemble a multidisciplinary research team; prepare for a full proposal stage if shortlisted

URL: <https://leprosyresearch.org/lri-flagship-grant/>

UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply