



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 8

14th January 2026

1. ReCIPE Big Research Grants (CEPR - Big Research Grants)

Deadline: 27 Jan 2026 (23:59 BST)

Focus: Rigorous, policy-relevant research on economic development, conflict, public policy, climate, gender inequality, etc. with strong empirical scope; suitable for large quantitative or mixed-methods projects.

Indicative Grant Size: Up to £100k per project.

Eligibility: Researchers worldwide, including those in LMICs; principal investigators require PhD or doctoral enrollment; collaborative teams encouraged; research relevance to policy is key.

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

Direct URL: <https://grp.cepr.org/recipe/funding-calls/2nd-call-proposals-recipe-big-research-grants>

2. EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026

Deadline: 23 Jan 2026

Focus: Supports advanced postdoctoral research in life sciences with international mobility; applicants develop independent research in high-impact labs.

Indicative Grant Size: Covers salary/stipend (host institution contract or stipend), travel & relocation allowances; funding ranges over US \$50k per year depending on host country.

Eligibility: PhD holders (or equivalent) who obtained their degree within approximately 2 years or qualifying exceptions; must move to a new country for the fellowship. Individuals internationally.

Prep: Identify and secure a host laboratory abroad (Europe or elsewhere); obtain a formal host acceptance letter; prepare a distinct postdoctoral research proposal (not a continuation of PhD work); compile publication evidence (first-author paper); prepare CV, referee details, and mobility justification; Allow 6-8 weeks for coordination with host lab and referees.

URL: <https://www.embo.org/funding/fellowships-grants-and-career-support/postdoctoral-fellowships/>

3. UKRI - NERC Large Grant Outlines (UK)

Deadline: 26 Feb 2026

Focus: Environmental science, climate, biodiversity, interdisciplinary global challenges

Indicative Grant Size: £1.12m-£3.45m (up to 5 years)

Eligibility: Partnership-Required

Prep: Identify UK-based Principal Investigator at an eligible UK research organization.

URL: <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/large-grant-outlines-Feb-2026/>

4. The British Academy

Deadline: 4 Feb 2026 (17:00 GMT)

Focus: Measurement of Social and Cultural Infrastructure

Indicative Grant Size: Up to £60k (total project value)
Eligibility: UDSM researchers are eligible to participate as co-applicants or funded research partners under a UK-based lead institution (co-applicants may be based outside the UK, including in LMIC institutions).

Prep: Identify and confirm a UK-based lead institution; agree on UDSM's role (e.g. comparative case study, framework testing in LMIC context, qualitative or institutional analysis); define work packages clearly showing UDSM's technical contribution and budget share; prepare a short institutional profile for UDSM highlighting relevance to higher education research and social/cultural infrastructure; align outputs with British Academy priorities (measurement robustness, transferability, policy relevance).
URL: <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/schemes/measurement-of-social-and-cultural-infrastructure/>

5. Estonian Centre for International Development (ESTDEV)

Deadline: 30 Jan 2026

Focus: Estonian Development Cooperation Call for Innovation in Education, E-Governance, and Women's Empowerment.

Indicative Grant Size: €50k - €100k (or €150k with scholarships).

Eligibility: Innovators, startups, SMEs, NGOs, and research institutions in eligible African countries (Botswana, Kenya, Namibia, Tanzania, Uganda).

Prep: Draft concise proposals with clear problem statement + measurable outcomes; secure institutional endorsement (UDSM letterhead for researchers); highlight scalability and cross-border impact (regional collaboration angle strengthens applications); Budget carefully within €50k-€200k range, showing sustainability beyond grant period.
URL: <https://innovationbridge.info/ibportal/content/estonia-n-development-cooperation-call-innovation-education-e-governance-and-womens>

UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply