



UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

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Research Funding Opportunities with Deadlines in the First Quarter of 2026

Group 11

30th January 2026

1. Global Health EDCTP3: (European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP3)) Research & Innovation Actions (2026)

Deadline: 4 March 2026

Focus: Clinical trials and research on Tuberculosis (TB), HIV co-infections, Lower Respiratory Tract Infections (LRTI), and infectious diseases driven by Climate Change.

Indicative Grant Size: €3m - €6m (approx. USD 3.2m - 6.5m).

Eligibility: Must be a consortium of at least 3 legal entities (1 from EU, at least 2 from sub-Saharan Africa). UDSM highly eligible as a long-standing partner.

Prep: Focus on a specific disease area (e.g., TB drug development or LRTI diagnostics). Find a European coordinator (African PIs can lead specific work packages).

URL: https://www.global-health-edctp3.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/eu147-million-available-fund-global-health-research-and-innovation-2025-12-03_en

2. Belmont Forum - Climate, Environment and Health (CEH2)

Deadline: 2 March 2026 (Registration/Intent)

Focus: Interdisciplinary projects addressing the nexus of climate change, environmental degradation, and human health (e.g., heat stress, vector-borne diseases in East Africa).

Indicative Grant Size: \$300k - \$1m+ (Varies by consortium size)

Eligibility: Consortia must include partners from at least three participating countries. UDSM researchers are eligible as African partners.

Prep: Form a transnational team; ensure the project bridges social and natural sciences; register via the Belmont Forum portal.

Direct Application URL: <https://belmontforum.org/archives/open-opportunity/ocean-2/>

3. OceanHub Africa & The Coca-Cola Foundation — Bold Ideas in Plastic Circularity

Deadline: 15 Feb 2026 (23:59 SAST)

Focus: Innovative, scalable solutions for plastic waste reduction and circular economy systems in Africa. Includes research-driven pilots, technology development, and community-based circularity models.

Indicative Grant Size: Up to USD 120k (Grant + Venture-support package)

Eligibility: African-based innovators, researchers, and institutions; UDSM teams/startups are directly eligible.

Prep: Prepare a short application outlining the problem and innovation; record a 5-minute pitch video; compile proof of concept or pilot evidence.

URL: <https://tally.so/r/aQ9RRX>

4. International Climate Initiative (IKI) - Large Grants 2025/2026

Deadline: 17 Feb 2026 (14:00 CET) - Outline Stage

Focus: Large-scale systemic projects in climate change mitigation, adaptation, and biodiversity conservation.

Emphasis on high-impact policy and governance frameworks.

Indicative Grant Size: €12m - €20m per project

Eligibility: Consortia involving at least two organizations (universities, NGOs, public bodies, or private sector).

International participation is central.

Prep: Form/join a consortium; align project outline with IKI thematic/country priorities; submit outline via the IKI online portal.

URL: <https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/find-funding/large-grants>

5. VLIR-UOS (Belgium) - TEAM 2026

Deadline: 3 March 2026

Focus: Sustainable development challenges (Education, Environment, Social Justice).

Indicative Grant Size: €300k (USD 325K).

Eligibility: Partnership between a Flemish university and a university in a partner country (UDSM is a priority partner).

Prep: Requires a joint proposal with a Belgian PI. Focus on capacity building + scientific research.

URL: <https://www.vliruos.be/get-funded/calls/team-2026-call-project-proposals>

UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply