



Research Funding Opportunities with Deadlines in the First Quarter of 2026

Group 12

30th January 2026

1. UNITAID - INSPIRE: Supply Chains for Maternal & Newborn Health

Deadline: 20 March 2026 (12:00 CET)

Focus: Multi-country research and interventions to remove systemic barriers to Maternal and Newborn Health (MNH) products.

Indicative Grant Size: \$25m for a single selected consortium.

Eligibility: Multi-country consortia (Ministries, Research Institutions, NGOs). UDSM is eligible as a key research partner within a larger group.

Prep: Identify national MNH bottlenecks; align with MoH priorities; partner with a lead agency to form a multi-country consortium.

URL: <https://unitaid.org/calls-for-proposals/>

2. SADC TFCA (SADC Secretariat / IUCN) - Green Economy & Livelihoods (Verified)

Deadline: 31 March 2026

Focus: Sustainable energy, eco-tourism, and innovative finance for livelihoods in Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs).

Indicative Grant Size: €300k - €950k (USD 325K - 1M).

Eligibility: Research institutions and public bodies in SADC (Tanzania is a key member).

Prep: Your project must demonstrate impact within a SADC TFCA (e.g., Serengeti-Mara or Niassa-Selous).

URL:

<https://sadctfc.aff.praxisgms.co.za/xaLogin/IUCN/RegLogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

3. NIH Fogarty - Mobile Health (mHealth) in LMICs (R21/R33)

Deadline: 20 February 2026 (LOI); 20 Mar 2026 (Full Application)

Focus: Development and validation of mobile health technologies (mHealth) to improve health outcomes in LMICs. Supports the transition from pilot to scale.

Indicative Grant Size: Up to \$800k

Eligibility: Foreign institutions in LMICs (UDSM) or U.S. institutions in collaboration with LMIC partners.

Prep: Identify a U.S. partner; define milestones for the R21 (pilot) to R33 (scale-up) transition; submit mandatory LOI by Feb 20th.

URL: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/par-files/PAR-25-242.html>

4. Lung Cancer Research Foundation (LCRF) - 2026 Research Grants

Deadline: 10 March 2026 (LOI)

Focus: Prevention, early detection, and overcoming resistance mechanisms in lung cancer. Specific tracks include Leading Edge Research and Disparities.

Indicative Grant Size: Up to \$150k (over 2 years)

Eligibility: Researchers at non-profit academic institutions worldwide (UDSM researchers eligible).

Prep: Submit a 2-3-page Letter of Intent (LOI) via Proposal Central. If invited, full proposals are due in June 2026.

URL:

<https://www.lungcancerresearchfoundation.org/research/funding-opportunities-2026/>

5. Fulbright African Research Scholar Program (ARSP)

Deadline: March 2026 (Varies by Embassy - Check U.S. Embassy Dar es Salaam)

Focus: 3-9-month research residencies at U.S. universities for faculty to conduct research in any academic discipline.

Indicative Grant Size: Stipend, travel, and research allowance (Total value ~\$100K+)

Eligibility: UDSM faculty with a PhD or equivalent terminal degree; minimum 3 years teaching experience preferred.

Prep: Draft a research proposal; secure a letter of invitation from a U.S. host institution; apply through the U.S. Embassy portal.

URL: <https://tz.usembassy.gov/fulbright-program/>

UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply