



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

Group 9

23rd January 2026

1. UKRI - ESRC International Development Research (Outline Stage)

Deadline: 6 Feb 2026 (outline proposals)

Focus: Poverty reduction, governance, inequality, education, labour markets, climate-development nexus

Indicative Grant Size: £1.5m - £4m (4-5 years).

Eligibility: UK institution must lead; **UDSM eligible as core international research partner** (named Co-I / work-package lead);

Prep: Identify UK ESRC-eligible PI; position **UDSM as country research lead / data & fieldwork hub**; co-design theory of change and policy impact pathways; prepare outline budget split (UK vs UDSM)

URL: <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/ahrc-responsive-mode-standard-research-grant/>

2. German Federal Government (BMWK / BMUV) - International Climate Initiative

Deadline: 7 Feb 2026

Focus: Climate mitigation, adaptation, biodiversity, just transition, climate governance

Indicative Grant Size: €1m - €5m

Eligibility: International consortia; **UDSM eligible as research/implementation partner**;

Prep: Partner with German / EU implementing organization; position UDSM on **research, M&E, policy learning**; align proposal with **NDCs and national climate policy**; prepare institutional capacity statement

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

3. TEAM 2026 - Call for Project Proposals

Deadline: 3 Mar 2026

Focus: Medium-term collaborative research projects on *sustainable development challenges* (interdisciplinary).

Indicative Grant Size: €300k

Eligibility: International research teams; UDSM eligible as lead or partner.

Prep: Draft a joint proposal with a Flemish partner, align with SDGs, and budget €300k for interdisciplinary research capacity building.

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

4. Novo Nordisk Foundation, RECRUIT: Grants for International Recruitment, Spring 2026

Deadline: 26 Feb 2026, 14:00 (Copenhagen time)

Focus: Mobility funding to strengthen international recruitment of top researchers into Danish universities.

Indicative Grant Size: ~€100k+ based on rank and Danish university contribution).

Eligibility: Researchers must be nominated by a Danish university and selected scientists may include international researchers; UDSM researchers can qualify if nominated by a partner Danish institution.

Prep: Identify a Danish university partner, secure nomination, and co-draft a mobility proposal showcasing your research excellence and fit with their priorities.

URL: <https://novonordiskfonden.dk/en/grant/recruit-grants-for-international-recruitment-2026/>

5. Wellcome Early-Career Awards

Deadline: 17 February 2026, 15:00 GMT

Focus: Research that advances fundamental or applied understanding in health and biomedical sciences, interdisciplinary links to development.

Indicative Grant Size: Estimated £100k -300k+

Eligibility: Early-career researchers with relevant PhD or equivalent (global eligibility); UDSM researchers can apply directly.

Prep: Draft clear research aims with methodological clarity; emphasize novelty, feasibility, and impact obtain institutional endorsement and letters of support; include clear career development narrative.

URL: <https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/wellcome-early-career-awards>

UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply