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Research Funding Opportunities with Deadlines in the First Quarter of 2026
Group 13
6th February 2026

1. Urban Studies Foundation - Urban Urgencies Research Funding

Deadline: 23 Mar 2026

Focus: Collaborative primary research addressing urgent urban challenges (e.g., climate, inequality, mobility, governance).

Indicative Grant Size: Up to £35k per project.

Eligibility: Global researchers; must include academic and non-academic partner.

Prep: Build consortium with a non-academic partner; articulate urban research questions and outputs.

URL: <https://www.urbanstudiesfoundation.org/funding/urban-urgencies>

2. LEO Foundation Research Grant Program (Dermatology)

Deadline: 19 Mar 2026

Focus: Clinical and basic research into dermatological diseases (health sciences).

Indicative Grant Size: DKK 2-4m (\$290-580k).

Eligibility: Global researchers; independent clinicians/researchers eligible.

Prep: Detailed clinical / Clear research plan and team.

URL: <https://leo-foundation.org/en/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2025/11/Research-Grants-Application-guide-2026.pdf>

3. AI for Good Impact Awards - International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Deadline: 15 Mar 2026

Focus: AI solutions with measurable societal benefits (health, environment, prosperity).

Indicative Grant Size: Funding: Prize-based support.

Eligibility: Organizations and researchers; interdisciplinary projects.

Prep: Innovator evidence, metrics of impact, implementation plan.

URL: <https://aiforgood.itu.int/ai-for-good-impact-awards/>

4. McCain Global Leaders Program 2026-2027

Deadline: 15 Mar 2026

Focus: Leadership, democracy, human rights research integration (social sciences).

Indicative Grant Size: Fully funded programme (travel, accommodation, visas covered) + stipend for incidental expenses.

Eligibility: Mid-senior researchers with leadership potential.

Prep: Leadership statement, research impact plan.

URL: <https://www.mccaininstitute.org/programs/leadership-programs/mccain-global-leaders/>

5. Templeton World Charity Foundation - Planning Grants 2026

Deadline: 6 Mar 2026.

Focus: Foundational research on polarization and depolarization worldwide; building networks, tools, and proposals for larger-scale funding

Indicative Grant Size: Up to \$100k planning grant (6-9 months)

Eligibility: Open to international institutions.

Prep: Develop a clear articulation of polarization/depolarization models; outline aims and activities for planning period; show collaboration plans and innovation; commit to preregistration and open access.

URL: <https://www.templetonworldcharity.org/our-priorities/discovery/listening-learning-polarized-world/rfp-planning-grants-2026>

UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply