



UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor - Research Directorate of Research and Publication

Research Fellowships with Deadlines in the First to Third Quarters of 2026

Group 3

27th February 2026

1. ACLS Leading Edge Fellowship - American Council of Learned Societies

Deadline: 11 March 2026

Focus: Supports early-career humanities PhD researchers applying scholarly expertise in research and policy environments

Indicative Grant Size: Salary-based fellowship typically USD 72,000–74,000 per year plus benefits

Eligibility: Open worldwide to researchers with PhD in humanities or related fields completed within last 8 years

Prep: Prepare fellowship application including CV, research statement, and career objectives; submit via ACLS fellowship portal

URL: [ACLS Leading Edge](#)

2. Volkswagen Foundation (Stiftung) - Security and Technology Fellowship Programme

Deadline: 5 May 2026

Focus: Research on interactions between technological developments and societal security challenges

Indicative Grant Size: Maximum €450,000

Eligibility: Early career researchers up to 5 years after completing their PhD

Prep: Institutional application via Volkswagen Foundation electronic system including research proposal, institutional support, and academic documentation

URL: [Volkswagen Stiftung](#)

3. Gerda Henkel Foundation - PhD Scholarship

Deadline: Rolling

Focus: Archaeology, History, Historical Islamic Studies, Art History, History of Law, Prehistory and Early History, History of Science

Indicative Grant Size: €1,920/month; up to €480 for accompanying children; additional benefits

Eligibility: Doctoral candidates admitted or eligible for admission to recognized academic institutions worldwide in the specified historical humanities fields

Prep: Electronic submission via official application portal including research proposal, academic transcripts, CV, doctoral admission confirmation, academic certificates, and research schedule

URL: [Gerda Henkel PhD Scholarships](#)

4. HFSP (Human Frontier Science Program) Postdoctoral Fellowship

Deadline: 24 September 2026

Focus: Supports interdisciplinary postdoctoral research in life sciences, particularly innovative and high-risk projects

Indicative Grant Size: Living allowance, research and travel allowance, parental leave allowance, relocation allowance

Eligibility: Open worldwide; requires host institution in different country from PhD country

Prep: Identify international host lab; prepare interdisciplinary research proposal; submit LOI and full application

URL: [HFSP](#)

5. Alexander von Humboldt Foundation - Humboldt Research Fellowship

Deadline: Closes after reaching the maximum number of 800 applications (Call opens on 15 March)

Focus: Independent research projects in all disciplines in collaboration with a German host institution

Indicative Grant Size: €3,000 per month (postdocs) and €3,600 per month (experienced researchers, plus additional benefits)

Eligibility: Researchers with PhD completed within the last 4 years or within the last 12 years

Prep: Online application including research proposal, host institution confirmation in Germany, CV, and academic publications

URL: [von Humboldt Fellowship](#)

UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply