



UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

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Research Funding Opportunities with Deadlines in the Second and Third Quarters of 2026

Group 24

14th March 2026

1. Google.org Impact Challenge - AI for Science

Deadline: 17 April 2026

Focus: Projects using artificial intelligence to accelerate scientific breakthroughs in areas such as health, life sciences, climate resilience and environmental science.

Indicative Grant Size: USD 500k-3m per project plus technical support and accelerator participation

Eligibility: Nonprofits, academic institutions, research organisations and social enterprises with projects demonstrating societal impact

Prep: Submit online application outlining the scientific challenge, AI methodology, implementation plan and expected impact

URL: <https://www.afterschoolafrica.com/114267/google-org-impact-challenge-ai-for-science-grant/>

2. Global Infectious Disease Research Training Program (NIH D43)

Deadline: 15 April 2026

Focus: Collaborative training programs to strengthen LMIC institutions' capacity in infectious disease research.

Indicative Grant Size: Multi-year support (budget varies by proposal, typically USD 230k for new awards per year)

Eligibility: U.S. institutions partnering with LMIC institutions; LMIC universities and research centers can apply as collaborators

Prep: Submit full application via NIH ASSIST/Grants.gov including training plan, institutional letters, and budget

URL: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-24-174.html>

3. iF Social Impact Prize 2026

Deadline: 20 May 2026

Focus: Global projects addressing UN Sustainable Development Goals with strong design integration (design thinking, fostering design talent, or design-focused project elements)

Indicative Grant Size: €100k (awarded to one or split among several projects)

Eligibility: Companies, NGOs, foundations, public organizations, social enterprises, and entrepreneurs worldwide (including Tanzania); projects must align with SDGs and embed design principles

Prep: Submit application via iF Design online portal; include project description, SDG alignment, design integration evidence, and impact plan

URL: <https://hubcymruafrica.wales/funding-opportunity/if-social-impact-prize-4/>

4. iF Social Impact Prize 2026 (Prize 4)

Deadline: 19 August 2026

Grant Size: €100k awarded to one or split among several projects

Eligibility: Companies, NGOs, foundations, public organizations, social enterprises, and entrepreneurs worldwide (including Tanzania); projects must align with SDGs and embed design principles

Prep: Submit online application outlining the implemented social-impact project, its SDG alignment, design approach, measurable impact, and supporting visuals through the iF Design submission platform

URL: <https://hubcymruafrica.wales/funding-opportunity/if-social-impact-prize-3/>

5. Wellcome Early-Career Awards

Deadline: 21 July 2026

Focus: Independent research projects that advance understanding in health-related fields or develop new research methodologies.

Indicative Grant Size: Salary and up to £400k for research expenses

Eligibility: Early-career researchers ready to lead their own research programme at a host institution anywhere in the world.

Prep: Submit full application including research proposal, budget and institutional support through the Wellcome Funding Platform

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

UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply