



UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

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Research Funding Opportunities with Deadlines in the Second Quarter of 2026

Group 28

30th March 2026

1. Gates Foundation: Reducing Cost of Severe Acute Malnutrition Treatment

Deadline: 28 April 2026

Focus: Breakthrough, system-level innovations that significantly reduce the cost of treating severe acute malnutrition while increasing the number of children treated per dollar spent.

Indicative Grant Size: \$500k - \$1.5M per project

Eligibility: Global; strong LMIC relevance (incl. sub-Saharan Africa); multidisciplinary teams encouraged.

Prep: High-risk, high-impact innovation; cost-reduction across treatment pathways (therapeutic foods, delivery, supply chains); feasibility and scalability in low-resource settings; clear implementation pathway.

URL: <https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/breakthrough-innovations-significantly-reduce-cost-severe-acute-malnutrition-treatment>

2. Wellcome - Infectious Disease Clinical Trial Award

Deadline: 2 June 2026

Focus: Late-stage clinical trials for infectious diseases, targeting interventions with clear potential for real-world impact in affected populations, including LMIC settings

Indicative Grant Size: £1-£8M per project

Eligibility: Lead applicants must be based at an eligible research organisation. LMIC institutions can lead or co-apply. Applicants must demonstrate capacity to deliver regulated clinical trials.

Prep: Submit a full application via the Wellcome Funding Platform. Includes detailed trial protocol, analysis plan, budget, and institutional approvals.

URL: <https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/infectious-disease-clinical-trial-award-optimising-interventions-impact>

3. Nordic Innovation - Quantum Tech for Health

Deadline: 19 May 2026

Focus: Quantum technology in healthcare and life sciences

Indicative Grant Size: Up to NOK 4.5m

Eligibility: Consortia including LMIC institutions

Prep: Submit Full proposal project plan

URL: <https://www.nordicinnovation.org/programs/call-proposals-using-quantum-technology-enable-breakthroughs-life-science-and-healthcare>

4. HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-03

Deadline: 16 April 2026

Focus: Research and Innovation Actions to advance understanding, prevention, diagnosis, and management of post-infection long-term conditions, including multidisciplinary approaches addressing biological mechanisms, clinical pathways, and patient outcomes

Indicative Grant Size: €6–8M/project; €40M total budget

Eligibility: EU/Associated countries; LMIC institutions

Prep: Multidisciplinary (clinical, biomedical, data-driven); real-world and longitudinal data; validation in clinical settings; scalability, healthcare integration, patient-centred outcomes

URL: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-03>

5. Gates Foundation: Novel Interventions Targeting Placental & Gut Inflammation to Improve Fetal Growth

Deadline: 28 April 2026

Focus: Novel, scalable interventions targeting maternal gut-placenta inflammation to improve fetal growth and reduce adverse birth outcomes. Basic and translational research welcome

Indicative Grant Size: Up to \$400k (discovery); up to \$750k (validation); up to \$1M+ (advanced stages)

Eligibility: Research institutions, NGOs, private sector; LMIC relevance and collaborations encouraged

Prep: High-risk, high-impact; mechanistic targeting of inflammation; scalable and feasible with a clear implementation pathway. Maternal cohort data from Muhimbili National Hospital strengthens any proposal

URL: <https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/novel-interventions-targeting-placental-and-gut-inflammation-improve-fetal-growth>

UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply