



UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

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Research Funding Opportunities with Deadlines in the Second - Fourth Quarters of 2026

Group 30 4th April 2026

1. CEPI - CFP-143 (Focus Area 1): Innovative Vaccine Platforms that Can Transform Outbreak Response

Deadline: 14 April 2026

Focus: Advancing innovative rapid-response vaccine platforms to transform outbreak response to Disease X.

Focus Area 1 covers all platform technologies

Indicative Grant Size: \$1m - \$5m

Eligibility: Research organisations, universities, etc. LMIC applicants actively encouraged

Prep: Register on CEPI portal and submit application and budget using provided templates

URL: <https://cepi.my.site.com/call-for-proposal?id=a1zP3000001Db1BIAS>

4. Independent Research Fund Denmark (DFF) International Postdoctoral Grant 2026

Deadline: 5 November 2026

Focus: International postdoctoral research projects conducted with a host institution abroad

Indicative Grant Size: DKK 1,550,000

Eligibility: Researchers with a PhD affiliated with a research institution

Prep: Submit full proposal including research plan, budget, CV, and host institution confirmation via DFF portal

URL: <https://dff.dk/en/apply-for-funding/see-what-you-can-apply-for/current-funding-opportunities/instruments/2026/november/dff-international-postdoctoral-grant-e26/>

2. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation - Grand Challenges:

Micronutrient Absorption from Fortified Foods

Deadline: 28 April 2026

Focus: Research addressing physiological barriers to micronutrient absorption from fortified foods for populations in LMICs.

Indicative Grant Size: Up to \$250 per project

Eligibility: Academic institutions, research organisations, and other legally recognised entities globally.

Prep: Submit proposal, budget, and team details via Grand Challenges portal

URL: <https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/addressing-physiological-barriers-micronutrient-absorption-fortified-foods>

5. CEPI - CFP-144 (Focus Area 2): Vaccine Candidates for Priority Pathogens and Viral Families

Deadline: 13 July 2026

Focus: Advancing new vaccine candidates against CEPI priority pathogens with epidemic or pandemic potential

Indicative Grant Size: \$1m - \$5m

Eligibility: Research organisations, universities, vaccine developers, and consortia globally

Prep: Register on CEPI portal and submit application using call templates

URL: <https://cepi.my.site.com/call-for-proposal?id=a1zP3000001Dz3VIAS>

3. HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-09

Deadline: 16 April 2026

Focus: Multisectoral approach to tackle chronic non-communicable diseases

Indicative Grant Size: €3-4M/project; €9.8M total budget

Eligibility: EU/Associated countries; LMIC institutions

Prep: Implementation research (mixed-methods); cross-sectoral partnerships (health, education, community, policy); real-world settings; scalability, sustainability, system-level NCD impact

URL: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-09>

6. European Research Council (ERC) - Advanced Grant 2026

Deadline: 27 August 2026 (call opens 28 May 2026)

Focus: Frontier research driven by scientific curiosity in any discipline

Indicative Grant Size: Up to €2.5m; up to €2 million additional relocation funding for researchers moving from outside the EU

Eligibility: Established researchers of any nationality. Principal Investigator must be hosted at an EU member state or Horizon Europe associated country institution.

Prep: Identify an eligible host institution in the EU or an associated country

URL: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/worldwide/north-america/news/erc-grants-2026-call-dates?>

UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply