

Call for applications: Wellcome Genomics in Context Awards
<https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/genomics-in-context-awards>

Keywords: Geonomics, life sciences, humanities, social sciences, bioethics, transdisciplinary, discovery, early-career, mid-career, established researchers.

Funding and duration of funding: Up to £500,000 for each award over 12-24 months

Funder deadline: 16 March 2026, 17:00 GMT

UCT Intention to submit deadline: In order to receive institutional support, please complete our [intention-to-submit](#) form by **2 February 2026**.

UCT Internal deadlines: Approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration (eRA) system is **required** prior to submission to the funder. Applicants should:

- Your finance staff will be automatically contacted when you complete and submit the intention-to-submit form
- eRA Internal Approvals forms should reach the Finance Approver step by no later than **2 March 2026**
- Faculty approved eRA forms must reach RC&I by **9 March 2026**.

Contacts: Faculty of Health Sciences: fhs.researchfunding@uct.ac.za **Other Faculties -** internationalgrants@uct.ac.za

Wellcome is soliciting applications for the **Genomics in Context Awards: collaborative research at the intersection of genomics, humanities, social sciences and bioethics**. These awards will support transdisciplinary teams to catalyse research discoveries at the intersection of genomics, humanities, social sciences and bioethics. Funded projects will be given the time and resources to create new research agendas and explore innovative ways of working.

Eligibility:

Researchers/teams with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Principal Investigator

Award details:

Grants of up to £500 000, for 12-24 months

Submission process:

This proposal requires the PI to complete an online application on the funder portal ([Wellcome Funding platform](#)) as well as requesting institutional approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration (eRA) system, prior to submission of the application.

NOTE: Final submission of an application on Wellcome Funding is actioned by UCT's Research Contracts and Innovation (RC&I) office.

UCT Internal requirements:

Deadline	
PI to initiate an eRA approval request and alert their faculty finance staff of the budget support needed at least 6 weeks before the funder deadline	2 Feb 2026
PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request with a draft budget to the Budget Reviewer step on eRA at least 4 weeks before the funder deadline	16 Feb 2026
PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request to the Finance Approver step on eRA at least 2 weeks before the funder deadline	2 Mar 2026
PI to submit the application on the funder portal (Wellcome Funding) at least 1 week before the funder deadline	9 Mar 2026
RC&I action final submission on the Wellcome Funding portal by the funder deadline	16 Mar 2026

Contact information:

- Health Sciences applicants contact FHS.ResearchFunding@uct.ac.za
- All other faculties contact internationalgrants@uct.ac.za