

Call for applications: Wellcome Climate Impact Awards

(<https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/climate-impacts-awards-unlocking-urgent-climate-action-making-health-2>)

Keywords:

Transdisciplinary teams, mid-career researchers, established researchers, climate change, physical and mental health, policy impact

Funding and duration of funding: Up to £2.5 million per award, for a maximum period of three years

Funder deadline: 8 April 2026, 17:00 GMT

UCT Intention to submit deadline: In order to receive institutional support, please complete our [intention-to-submit](#) form by **25 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 **25 March 2026**
- Faculty approved eRA forms must reach RC&I by **1 April 2026**.

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Wellcome is soliciting applications for their Climate Impact Award: Unlocking urgent climate action by making the health effects of climate change visible. The aim of this scheme is to make the impacts of climate change on physical and mental health visible to drive urgent climate policy action at scale. Wellcome will fund transdisciplinary teams to deliver short-term, high impact projects that can drive policy impact by combining evidence generation (or synthesis) with influencing and engagement strategies.

Eligibility:

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

Award details:

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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	25 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	11 Mar 2026
PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request to the Finance Approver step on eRA at least 2 weeks before the funder deadline	25 Mar 2026

PI to submit the application on the funder portal (Wellcome Funding) at least 1 week before the funder deadline	01 April 2026
RC&I conduct review, budget approval having been received, and actional final submission on Wellcome Funding	01 to 08 April 2026
RC&I to action final submission on Wellcome Funding by the funder deadline	08 April 2026

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