

Mahidol University – University of Cape Town Seed Grant (Round 1, 2026)

Keywords: Nutrition, Sustainable Food, Food Security, Circular Technology, Energy Transition, Waste Management, Waster Circulation, Waste Engineering

Funding amount and duration of funding: USD 10,000 for a maximum 12 months

This scheme is funded collaboratively by the University of Cape Town (UCT) and the Global Partnerships Division at Mahidol University (Mahidol). It supports the strategic institutional partnership between the two universities by investing in international collaborative research projects.

This announcement is to **alert researchers to the opportunity and invite early expressions of interest**, especially from those seeking partners.

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Introduction

University of Cape Town (UCT) and Mahidol University are pleased to announce the Mahidol–UCT Seed Grant Funding Program (Round 1, 2026) is open for applications This joint initiative supports new and expanding international research collaborations between the two institutions.

The opportunity offers a strategic platform to:

- Build and strengthen international research networks
- Develop interdisciplinary programs
- Co-produce publications and proposals
- Support postgraduate training and capacity building

Purpose

The Seed Grant aims to foster meaningful research partnerships that address global challenges. Funded projects are expected to deliver substantive collaborative activities within 12 months, such as co-authored publications, workshops, co-teaching, postgraduate supervision, or joint grant applications.

Funding

- Two projects will be funded in 2026.
- Each project receives USD 10,000 (USD 5,000 from each institution).
- Funding duration: 12 months.

Eligibility

- Open to full-time academic staff at both UCT and Mahidol.
- Each proposal must include one co-PI from UCT and one from Mahidol.
- Early-career-researcher–led teams and new collaborations are strongly encouraged.

Priority Themes for 2026

- Nutrition / Sustainable Food / Food Security
- Circular Technology / Energy Transition Systems
- Waste Management / Waste Circulation / Waste Engineering

Application Process

More information, including application templates and guidelines, see [here](#)

Key Dates

Event	Date
Matchmaking session & Information session	06 May 2026 (11:00am – 12:00)
Call for Applications opens	Open
Submission deadline	30 June 2026
Announcement of Awards	July 2026
Project start date	August 2026

If you are interested in applying or in finding a collaborator at Mahidol University, please indicate your interest via UCT's [intention-to-submit](#) form