

Call for applications: Jennifer Ward Oppenheimer Research Grant (JWO Research Grant)

URL: <https://jworesearchgrant.org/>

Keywords: African Studies, Biological Diversity, Conservation Biology, Environmental Conservation

Funding amount and duration of funding: \$150,000USD for up to three years

Funder deadline: 01 May 2026

UCT Internal Deadlines

- **UCT Intention to submit deadline:** Please complete [Intension-to- Submit](#) form an by **24 April 2026**
- Please note that this is a 2-stage application process. The initial stage requires the PI to submit a concept note, via the funder's portal [here](#), no later than **01 May 2026**. Institutional approval, via UCT's electronic Research Administration (eRA) system, is **NOT** required at this stage.

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About the Funding Opportunity

The Jennifer Ward Oppenheimer (JWO) Research Grant seeks to support innovative, African-led research that will contribute to the advancement of environmental and allied sciences; and address relevant, real-world issues of current and future importance.

The initiative supports early-career scientists conducting impactful research in Africa, focusing on biodiversity and conservation. Projects should address pressing environmental issues, aiming to provide sustainable solutions for the continent's ecological challenges.

Eligibility Criteria

The lead applicant should be:

a. An early career scientist

Applicant must already hold a PhD degree and should have no more than seven years of work and/or research experience post-degree (excluding time taken for family responsibilities).

b. Have strong links to a credible African institution

The proposed research should be focused on or in Africa.

Please see more details [here](#)

Application Process

How to apply

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- [JWO Research Grant Pre-Proposal Application Form](#) - Please note, that the purpose of this document is to help you prepare your concept note. Only online submissions will be accepted.
- **Full Application (By Invitation Only)**
 - If your concept note is accepted, you will be invited to submit a full application:
 - Full applications: **Opens 03 June 2026** and **closes 03 July 2026** (this **WILL REQUIRE** UCT eRA approval).