

Call for applications:
Enhancing integrated research and healthcare through digital innovation & AI
Coordination and Support Action (CSA)

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-03-DIGIT-02>

Keywords: Digital health, health systems strengthening, integrated healthcare, artificial intelligence, data platforms, implementation support, sub-Saharan Africa, global health, capacity building

Total Call Budget: €18 million (topic-level, indicative)

Expected number of projects: up to 2 (indicative; single stage application)

Funding model: Lump sum (100% funding rate)

Max size per project: Not specified

Duration of funding: Up to 60 months

Funder deadline: 2 September 2026 (17:00 Brussels time)

UCT Internal Deadlines

- **UCT Intention to submit deadline:** Please complete an [intention-to-submit](#) form by **22 July 2026**
 - **UCT eRA:** Approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration (eRA) system is **REQUIRED** prior to submission to the funder.
 - Applicants should contact faculty finance/budget reviewer by no later than **05 August 2026**
 - Applicants should ensure that [eRA Internal Approvals forms](#) must reach the Finance Approver no later than **19 August 2026**

Contact: International Grants Hub - internationalgrants@uct.ac.za

About the Funding Opportunity:

This Coordination and Support Action under the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking aims to strengthen health systems in sub-Saharan Africa through the use of digital innovation and artificial intelligence. The action focuses on enhancing the integration of research and healthcare, supporting the development, adaptation or scale-up of digital health platforms, and improving the use of data for decision-making, service delivery and policy. The call supports activities such as capacity building, stakeholder coordination, and the establishment of sustainable networks that link research, healthcare providers and health authorities. Proposals are expected to demonstrate strong Africa–Europe collaboration and contribute to resilient, inclusive and sustainable health systems.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Consortium Composition:

- Minimum three independent legal entities from three different countries.
- At least one entity must be from [EU Member States](#) or [Horizon Europe Associated Countries](#).
- At least one entity must be from a sub-Saharan African country eligible under EDCTP3.

2. Eligible Participants (may include but are not limited to):

- Universities and research institutions.
- Ethics committees and regulatory authorities.
- Public health institutes, international organisations and networks.
- Digital platform developers (non-profit or for-purpose).

Award Details

- Type of action: Coordination and Support Action (CSA) – Lump Sum.
- Total indicative topic budget: €18 million (up to two projects expected).
- Funding rate: 100% of eligible costs.
- Maximum project duration: up to 60 months.

Application Process

- Proposal Preparation - Proposals consist of Part A (administrative forms and lump sum budget) and Part B (technical proposal covering Excellence, Impact, and Implementation).
- Applicants should demonstrate strong Africa–Europe collaboration, sustainability beyond the project lifetime, and alignment with EDCTP3 strategic objectives.

Submission

- Proposals must be submitted electronically via the [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#).
- Deadline: **02 September 2026 at 17:00 Brussels local time.**

Evaluation

- Proposals will be evaluated on Excellence, Impact, and Quality and efficiency of implementation.

Contact Information

- International Grants Hub – internationalgrants@uct.ac.za
- South African National Contact Point (Global Health / EDCTP3) – via ESASTAP