

Call for applications: Climate Intervention Environmental Impact Fund (CIEIF) - Sixth Grant Round

URL: <https://cieif.org/guidelines-for-grant-applicants/>

Keywords: Climate intervention; Geoengineering; Carbon dioxide removal; Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA); Predictive impact modelling; Stakeholder engagement; Climate governance; Marine interventions; Environmental policy

Funding amount and duration of funding: Up to **USD 75,000 per award**. Funding is provided in tranches linked to agreed milestones. Repeat annual funding may be possible for successful projects.

Funder deadline: **1 December 2026**

UCT Internal Deadlines

- **UCT Intention to submit deadline:** Please complete [intention-to-submit](#) form by **20 Oct 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 **20 Oct 2026**
 - [eRA Internal Approvals forms](#) should reach the Finance Approver by no later than **17 Nov 2026**

Contact: internationalgrants@uct.ac.za

About the Funding Opportunity

The **Climate Intervention Environmental Impact Fund (CIEIF)** supports the responsible development of climate intervention technologies by funding activities that strengthen environmental oversight, predictive impact assessment, and stakeholder engagement associated with climate intervention field tests.

The fund is specifically intended to support:

- Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA)
- Predictive environmental and social impact modelling
- Stakeholder and community engagement activities
- Consultation with potentially affected communities, government agencies, regulators and other stakeholders

Importantly, the programme does **not primarily fund the scientific field test itself**, but rather the work needed to assess and responsibly manage its potential environmental and societal impacts.

CIEIF is particularly interested in innovative climate intervention technologies with the potential to be scaled to a climate-relevant level. Applications should demonstrate technical readiness for field testing and address environmental, technical, social, economic, public health and governance considerations. Read more [here](#)

Eligibility Criteria

Applications may be submitted by researchers, institutions, organisations or multidisciplinary teams proposing a climate intervention field test. Applicants must provide:

- Full information and biosketches for all personnel involved
- Evidence that the proposed technology is sufficiently mature for field testing
- A description of anticipated technical, environmental, social, economic and public health impacts
- Identification of required permits and regulatory approvals
- A publication record relevant to the proposed intervention
- Identification of suitable independent consultants to support impact assessment or modelling
- A budget detailing how the USD 75,000 award will be used
- Details of additional funding sources and insurance arrangements
- A commitment to publish the results of the work supported by the grant

Applications must be submitted in English and should not exceed 20 pages, excluding supporting materials.

Application Process

How to apply

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There is no standard application template. Applicants must prepare a proposal addressing the ten questions outlined in the funder's guidelines. Before submission, applicants are requested to contact Peter T. Jenkins, Manager of Climate Intervention Environmental Impact Fund, at info@CIEIF.org to discuss submission arrangements.

UCT internal requirements

	Deadline
PI to initiate an eRA Proposal Approval request and alert their faculty finance office of the budgetary support needed	Immediately
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	03 Nov 2026
PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request to the Finance Approver step on eRA at least 2 weeks before the funder deadline	17 Nov 2026
Approval form and all supporting documents to reach RC&I via eRA at least 1 week before the funder deadline (<i><u>if applicable, if funder requires institutional sign off</u></i>)	24 Nov 2026
PI to submit the application to the funder	01 Dec 2026