

Call for Applications: Global Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) Fund Medium-Size Grants

URL: <https://globalebafund.org/medium-size-grants/>

Keywords: Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA), climate adaptation, climate resilience, nature-based solutions, biodiversity, environmental governance, climate finance, innovative finance, policy uptake, capacity building, sustainable development

Funding amount & duration of funding: Up to USD 500,000 per project for projects of up to 24 months

Submission Window: 12 October to 16 November 2026

UCT Internal Deadlines

- **UCT Intention to submit deadline:** Please complete the [intention-to-submit](#) form by **12 October 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 **12 October 2026**.
 - [eRA Internal Approvals forms](#) should reach the Finance Approver by no later than **2 November 2026**.

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About the Funding Opportunity

The [Global Ecosystem-based Adaptation \(EbA\) Fund](#) has launched its Medium-Size Grants Call for Proposals to support innovative and scalable initiatives that strengthen enabling environments for Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA), facilitate policy uptake, unlock investment opportunities, and address systemic barriers to scaling climate adaptation solutions. The programme seeks to advance the uptake and investment of EbA approaches while contributing to global learning, knowledge exchange, and policy dialogue.

The Fund will award medium-size grants to projects that demonstrate exceptional potential for innovation and scalability. The programme seeks to strengthen enabling environments for Ecosystem-based Adaptation uptake and investment, facilitate the scaling of EbA implementation, support locally led adaptation initiatives and knowledge exchange, and improve technical and institutional capacity for policy uptake, investment-ready concepts, and financing strategies. Proposals should generate lessons, partnerships, policies, financing approaches, and institutional changes that can contribute to the wider adoption and long-term sustainability of Ecosystem-based Adaptation.

Interest is given to initiatives focused on:

- Innovative Finance Solutions for EbA;
- EbA for Human Development and Security; and
- Interlinkages for People-Nature-Climate-Land Synergies: From Policy Alignment to Investable Action.

Projects should demonstrate clear pathways for scaling, sustainability, policy influence, and long-term impact. Standalone interventions are not encouraged, and proposals should build on existing knowledge, investments, partnerships, programmes, or initiatives.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants include universities and academic institutions, research institutes and think tanks, NGOs, INGOs, IGOs, community-based organisations, Indigenous Peoples' Organisations, private sector entities, and consortia led by an eligible organisation. Government entities may participate as partners but are not eligible to receive funding directly from the Fund.

Proposed projects must qualify as Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) initiatives and demonstrate clear potential to create enabling environments for EbA uptake and investment. Projects should clearly identify

climate risks, build on existing work rather than operate as standalone interventions, include partnerships with local institutions and organisations, and demonstrate how results will be sustained beyond the funding period. Projects must target ODA-eligible countries, have a global or thematic focus, request no more than USD 500,000, and have a duration of no more than 24 months.

Application Process

How to apply

Applications must be submitted through the Global EbA Fund online portal between **12 October and 16 November 2026**. Applicants should review the full call documentation and Grants Procedure Manual before preparing a proposal.

Key Programme Resources

- Medium-Size Grants webpage: <https://globalebafund.org/medium-size-grants/>
- Call for Proposals: <https://globalebafund.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Global-EbA-Fund-Medium-size-grants-Call-for-Proposals.pdf%20>
- Grants Procedure Manual: <https://globalebafund.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Global-EbA-Fund-Grants-Procedure-Manual.pdf>

Please note that UCT institutional approval via the electronic Research Administration (eRA) system must be completed prior to submission to the funder. Applicants are therefore required to initiate and complete the relevant eRA Proposal Approval process before submitting their application.

UCT internal requirements

	Deadline
PI to initiate an eRA Proposal Approval request and alert their faculty finance office of the budgetary support needed	12 October 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	19 October 2026
PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request to the Finance Approver step on eRA at least 2 weeks before the funder deadline	2 November 2026
Approval form and all supporting documents to reach RC&I via eRA at least 1 week before the funder deadline <i>(if applicable, if funder requires institutional sign off)</i>	9 November 2026
PI to submit the application on the funder portal by the funder deadline	16 November 2026

Additional resources

It is strongly encouraged for applicants to work on the application form offline before submitting the application on the online platform.

Applicants for the Medium-Size Grants must submit the following documents with their proposal:

[Applicant Declaration](#)

[Co-applicant Mandate](#)

[Medium-Size Grants Application Form](#)

[Theory of Change, Logframe and Project Activities Form](#)*

[Project Proposal Budget Template](#)

[Due Diligence and Financial Capacity Questionnaire](#)

* This form must be uploaded directly to the Application Portal.

On 12 October 2026, the link to submit proposals to the Online Portal will be shared on the Medium-Size Grants webpage.