Call for applications: Wellcome Early-Career Awards – February 2023 Round

URL: https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/schemes/early-career-awards

Keywords: early career investigators, LMICs, any discipline – including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), experimental medicine, humanities and social science, clinical/allied health sciences, and public health

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Funding amount and duration of funding: Salary and up to £400,000 for research expenses over 5 years

Funder deadline: 21 February 2023, 17:00 GMT

UCT Intention to Submit deadline: Please complete our intention-to-submit form **by 16 January 2023** to help us ensure timely submission of your completed application.

UCT internal deadlines: Approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration (eRA) system is **required** prior to submission to the funder. Applicants should:
- Complete the Intention to Submit form by no later than **16 January 2023.** Finance staff will be automatically contacted when this form is completed.
- eRA Internal Approvals forms should reach the Finance Approver step by no later than **9 February 2023**
- Faculty approved eRA forms must reach RC&I by **14 February 2023**

Wellcome Trust Early Career Awards Information Session:
The FHS Research Development Team will be joined by the International Grants Hub in an information session for prospective applicants to the Wellcome Trust Early Career Awards scheme. The interactive webinar will take place on **Tuesday, 29 November 2022 from 14:00-15:30**. Click here to register.

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The Wellcome Early-Career Awards scheme is soliciting applications from early-career researchers from any discipline who are ready to develop their research identity. Through innovative projects, awardees will deliver shifts in understanding that could improve human life, health, and wellbeing.

By the end of the award, successful candidates will be equipped to lead their own independent research programme. Research proposals may be in any discipline - including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), experimental medicine, humanities and social science, clinical/allied health sciences, and public health - as long as it has the potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing, and aligns with the Wellcome Trust's funding remit.

Award details:
- Grants are available for up to five years, but this may be less for some disciplines, and longer if held on a part-time basis.
- Applicants may request salary and up to £400,000 for research expenses.
- Please visit the funding announcement page for details about this opportunity and updates regarding the application process.
- A recorded webinar related the funding schemes supported by Wellcome can be accessed here.

Eligibility
The call is open to early-career researchers who:

- Hold a PhD or have completed four years' equivalent research experience
- May have some postdoctoral experience but generally no more than 3 years
- Are ready to design, plan, and deliver their own innovative project that aims to:
    - Advance understanding in their field, and/or

o Develop methodologies, conceptual frameworks, tools, or techniques that could benefit health-related research.

How to apply and key dates
- UCT internal requirements
  o Applicants must complete [UCT's Intention-to-Submit form](#) and contact their faculty finance/budget reviewers by no later than **16 January 2023**
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- **Funder submission**
  o Application deadline is **21 February 2023, 17:00 GMT** (via [Grant Tracker](#))
- **Contact information:**
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  o All other faculties contact internationalgrants@uct.ac.za