

Call for applications: Wellcome Discovery Awards

<https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/schemes/discovery-awards>

Keywords: Established researchers, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), experimental medicine, humanities and social science, clinical/allied health sciences, public health, bold, creative, high-quality

Funding and duration of funding: Funding for research expenses up to 8 Years

Funder deadline: 3 December 2024, 17:00 GMT

UCT Intention to submit deadline: In order to receive institutional support, please complete an [intention-to-submit](#) form by **7 October 2024**

UCT Internal deadlines: Approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration (eRA) system is **required** prior to submission to the funder. Applicants should:

- Your finance staff will be automatically contacted when you complete and submit the intention-to-submit form
- eRA Internal Approvals forms should reach the Finance Approver step by no later than **20 November 2024**.
- Faculty approved eRA forms must reach RC&I by **27 November 2024**.

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The [Wellcome Discovery](#) Awards scheme is soliciting applications from established researchers and teams from any discipline who want to pursue bold and creative research ideas to deliver significant shifts in understanding that could improve human life, health and wellbeing.

Research proposals can 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 [funding remit](#).

Eligibility:

The call is open to established researchers who want to pursue bold and creative research ideas. You must aim to make a major contribution to your research field by:

- generating significant shifts in understanding and/or
- developing methodologies, conceptual frameworks, tools or techniques that could benefit health-related research.

Award details:

- Grants are available for up to eight years.
- Lead applicants must be able to:
 - demonstrate that they can drive and lead a substantial collaborative research programme.
 - contribute at least 20% of their research time to the programme.
- More information regarding allowable and non-allowable costs can be found [here](#).

Deadlines and submission process:

- UCT internal requirements and deadlines
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 - Faculty approved eRA forms must reach UCT's Research Contracts & Innovation (RC&I) office by **27 November 2024**.
- Wellcome's submission deadline
 - Applicants to submit the application on Wellcome Trust [online grants system](#) no later than **27 November 2024**.
 - Final application deadline is **3 December 2024, 17:00 GMT**

Important notes:

- Institutional approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration ([eRA](#)) system is required before submission.

Applications must **reach the RC&I stage no later than five working days before the funder's deadline**. When your application reaches RC&I, all necessary approvals, such as budget approval on eRA, must already be in place and finalized. If RC&I does not receive the application with the required minimum of five working days to review and submit the proposal, they will not be responsible for any consequences if the funder deadline is missed.

Contact information:

- Health Sciences applicants contact FHS.ReserachFunding@uct.ac.za.
- All other faculties contact internationalgrants@uct.ac.za.