

Call for applications: Impact of Climate Change on Health

<https://www.medicalresearchfoundation.org.uk/guidance-for-applicants-impact-of-climate-change-on-health>

Funding and duration of funding: Proposals can request up to £300,000 and must not exceed 3 years.

Funder deadline: **25 September 2024**

UCT Intention to submit deadline: In order to receive institutional support, please complete an [intention-to-submit](#) form by **01 Aug 2024**

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

- Your faculty 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 **27 August 2024**.
- Faculty approved eRA forms must reach RC&I by no later than **17 September 2024**.

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Keywords: Environmental effects; Environmental & Occupational Health & Safety; Health Disparities

The Medical Research Foundation invites collaborative applications from pairs of mid-career researchers in sub-Saharan Africa and the UK. The projects should focus on the impact of climate change on health, aiming to develop new collaborations or solidify existing partnerships. Research should address mechanisms and processes involved in the impact of climate change on health, including infectious and non-infectious diseases affecting sub-Saharan Africa.

Research proposals in the broad area of the impact of climate change on health could include, but are not limited to:

- understanding the biological mechanisms underpinning the impact on human health of climate change
- the development and implementation of treatments for climate-change related illnesses
- understanding and reducing the impact of climate change on health and well-being.

Research into climate change itself, that does not consider impacts on health outcomes, is not within the scope of this funding call.

General Eligibility: Applications should represent a collaborative project between a mid-career researcher who is a national of and based in a sub-Saharan African country, from an organisation with an established legal entity in sub-Saharan Africa, and a mid-career UK-based researcher at an eligible institution (UK HEIs, Research Council research institutes, hospitals, and other independent research organisations). Nationality and country of residence/employment may be different.

- **Research Focus:** Proposals must study the impact of climate change on health.
- **Principal Investigators:** Must be mid-career researchers from sub-Saharan Africa and the UK. They must hold a PhD, DPhil, or MD, and be transitioning to research independence.
- **Collaborations:** Proposals should reflect equitable and mutually beneficial partnerships.

Specific Eligibility Criteria:

- Sub-Saharan Africa-based Researchers: Must be nationals of a sub-Saharan African country and based in an organization with an established legal entity in sub-Saharan Africa.
- UK-based Researchers: Must be based at eligible institutions (UK HEIs, Research Council research institutes, hospitals, and other independent research organizations).

Deadlines and submission process:

| UCT internal requirements | DEADLINE |
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- **Funder submission process and deadline**

Please see for [Guidance to Applicants](#)

- **Registration:** Register and create a profile on the Medical Research Foundation's online portal [here](#).
- **Profile Completion:** Complete the profile information and upload a current CV. Applicants must use MRF's [Resume for Researchers CV template](#) for this application.
- **Proposal Submission:** Start a proposal by clicking the Apply button on the portal. Save the draft and return to it later if needed.
- **Final Submission:** Ensure all required internal approvals are in place before final submission by the deadline.
- **Final call deadline on 25 September 2024.**

Important notes:

- Institutional approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration ([eRA](#)) system is required before submission.
- Applications must reach the RC&I stage at least five working days before the funder's deadline.
- RC&I will not be responsible for missed deadlines if the application is not submitted with the required lead time.