

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## THE GLOBAL CLIMATE RESEARCH PRIZE (GCRP)

**Internal deadline: Monday, 27 October, 12h00**

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**Only one application from UCT will be endorsed to the GCRP.**

### **Purpose**

The Global Prize is a biennial environmental award for participating academic institutions' researchers who have already published top-quality research that has transformative and transboundary implications for addressing climate change-induced issues globally. The prize will be awarded to applicants whose scientific research demonstrates the greatest potential to address these critical issues.

### **Prize**

Each Global Prize award recipient will be presented with a certificate of merit and €200,000 (two hundred thousand euros) in prize money allocated to the university, to be spent entirely at the institution's discretion and to fund the recipient's area of research.

### **Eligibility criteria**

Applications are invited from UCT established and early career researchers (permanent/contract/emeritus/honorary). Applicants must have published top-quality research which has transformative and transboundary implications for addressing climate change-induced issues within the next decade through pioneering, science-based contributions.

Submitted work can range from the arts, humanities and social sciences to the biological, physical and medical sciences, and technology.

Applicant must be available to attend the award ceremony on Wednesday, 10 June 2026, at the University of Cambridge.

### **Application submission process**

UCT is eligible to endorse one application (from one applicant/applicant team) to the GCRP. One person must serve as a primary point of contact for a team application.

Interested applicants must email the required documentation by the **internal deadline** on **Monday, 27 October, at 12h00** to [mbasa.mguye@uct.ac.za](mailto:mbasa.mguye@uct.ac.za). The closing date for submission to GCRP is **Sunday, 2 November 2025, at 11:59pm UK time**.

The approved applicant will receive an institutional letter of support and the login details to submit the application via an online portal.

### **Required supporting documentation**

Applicants must submit a complete copy of the attached **Template Submission Form** and the following required supporting documentation:

**1. Case for Submission (max. 10 pages)**

A comprehensive description, up to 10 pages, of the proposed research project or creation, including the motivation behind the research, comprising:

- **Brief biographies and track records:** of up to five key members of the research team with key references plus names, qualifications and home institution of all other contributing team members.
- **The Research and its Contexts:** academic and economic contexts as appropriate.
- **Non-academic Project Partners:** government, non-governmental, policy advisors, guidance authors, charitable, industry, commercial organisations as appropriate.
- **The Research Challenges:** its Aims and Objectives.
- **The Methodology adopted.**
- **The programme** to date, including next steps to be undertaken.
- **Impact of the Research.**

**2. Scientific Peer-Reviewed Publications in English (x 6).**

Up to 6 peer-reviewed publications that highlight the impact of the research in addressing climate change.

**3. Evidence of Research Impact and Dissemination (x 6)**

Please attach up to 6 non-academic reports or articles (e.g., government/public reports, interviews, news articles, etc.) that demonstrate the influence of the research, along with examples of third-party organizations utilizing the work within the decade.

**4. Testimonial Letters (x3)**

Three testimonial letters outlining the impact of the research and the potential implications for the next decade.

**5. Application Information (max. 5 CVs)**

Please provide a list of the names and details of all key applicants and team members. A maximum of 5 CVs are to be submitted for a large group submission.

**6. Institutional/Cover Letter of Support**

An institutional letter of support is required for the application. Please draft a letter outlining the significance of the project and why it is selected and being submitted, highlighting its value and importance in the context of climate change research for the next decade. The letter will be reviewed and the final version approved by the VC.

The draft letter must be submitted with all the required documentation by email to [mbasa.mguye@uct.ac.za](mailto:mbasa.mguye@uct.ac.za) by **Monday, 27 October, at 12h00**. Late submissions will be rejected.