

Call for applications: ICGEB Collaborative Research Programme (CRP) Grants – 2025

URL: <https://www.icgeb.org/activities/grants/>

Keywords: Biological Sciences, Biomass Fuels, Public Health

Funding amount and duration of funding: Up to €25,000 per year for three years.

Funder deadline: 30 April 2025

UCT Internal Deadlines

- **UCT Intention to submit deadline:** Please complete [Intension-to- Submit](#) form an by **04 April 2025**
- **UCT eRA:** Approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration (eRA) system is **REQUIRED** prior to submission to the funder. Applicants should:
 - To submit an eRA Proposal Approval request with a draft budget to the Budget Reviewer by no later than **04 April 2025**
 - [eRA Internal Approvals forms](#) should reach the Finance Approver by no later than **16 April 2025**
 - Faculty approved eRA forms must reach RC&I by **23 April 2025**.

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About the Funding Opportunity

The [International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology \(ICGEB\)](#) is inviting applications for its Collaborative Research Programme (CRP) Grants. These grants support high-quality research in biotechnology and molecular biology, fostering international collaboration, training young scientists, and strengthening research capacity in ICGEB Member States, including South Africa. Projects may focus on basic life sciences, human healthcare, industrial and agricultural biotechnology or bioenergy.

Funding Details

- **Focus Areas:** Basic life sciences, human healthcare, industrial biotechnology, agricultural biotechnology, and bioenergy.
- **Funding Limits:** Up to €25,000 per year for three years.
- **Budget Breakdown Required:** Applicants must provide an **annual breakdown** divided into the following five categories:
 - **Equipment** (max 30% of total grant): Standard lab equipment (no major equipment >€10,000).
 - **Consumables:** General lab supplies, chemicals, reagents, sequencing services (max 20% of total grant).
 - **Training:** Short-term training visits (max 3 months) and stipends for trainees from other ICGEB Member States.
 - **Travel** (max 10% of total grant): Conferences and essential local travel.
 - **Literature** (max 5% of total grant): Books, journal subscriptions, and publication fees.
- **Justification Required:** Each budget category must include a description of planned expenses.
- **No Indirect Costs Allowed:** Overheads, salaries, and administrative costs are not fundable.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must hold positions at universities or research institutes in an ICGEB Member State.
- International collaboration is essential and must be fully integrated into the project, with a clear role for collaborators.
- Collaboration with **ICGEB groups** (Trieste, New Delhi, Cape Town) is **not mandatory** but considered an advantage.
- Preference will be given to:
 - Projects addressing **regional issues**.
 - Projects involving **collaboration across multiple countries**.
 - Projects establishing **new** rather than existing collaborations.
 - Projects involving **ICGEB Principal Investigators**.
- **Investigating groups are NOT eligible if:**
 - Previously awarded projects have **not been evaluated or concluded satisfactorily**.

- The Principal Investigator is based at a **university or institute in Italy**.
- **Early Career Return Grants:**
 - Open to young researchers with an **outstanding track record**.
 - Must have spent **at least 2 years abroad** and returned to an **ICGEB Member State** (except Italy) within **the last 2 years**.
 - Applicants must be **40 years old or younger** at the time of application.
- Applicants must be employed at a **university or research institute** in an **ICGEB Member State**.
- Only **endorsed applications** by the **South African ICGEB Liaison Officer** will be considered for funding.

Application Process

This proposal requires the PI to complete an online application on the funder portal via the [ICGEB Service Gateway](#) as well as requesting institutional approval via UCT’s electronic Research Administration (eRA) system, prior to submission of the application.

UCT internal requirements

	Deadline
PI to initiate an eRA Proposal Approval request and alert their faculty finance office of the budgetary support needed	Immediately
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	04 April 2025
PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request to the Finance Approver step on eRA at least 2 weeks before the funder deadline	16 April 2025
Approval form and all supporting documents to reach RC&I via eRA at least 1 week before the funder deadline	23 April 2025
PI to submit the application on the funder portal by the funder deadline	30 April 2025

Endorsement Process

- Applications are first reviewed by South Africa’s ICGEB Liaison Officer (LO).
- Only the South African ICGEB Liaison Officer is responsible for selecting and endorsing applications from the country.
- There is no need to send your proposal separately to the Liaison Officer—once submitted online, the LO is automatically notified and given access to assess the proposal.
- Only 3 Standard Grants & 2 Early Career Grants can be endorsed per call.
- Endorsement Deadline: 31 May 2025.
- The LO will communicate endorsement decisions directly to ICGEB and to applicants.
- Only endorsed applications will proceed for ICGEB review.