**Call for applications:** **Wellcome Early-Career Awards – October 2024 Round**

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

**Keywords**: early career, science, discovery research, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), experimental medicine, humanities and social science, health sciences, and public health

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

**Funder deadline: 1 October 2024, 17:00 GMT**

**UCT Intention to Submit deadline:** Please complete UCT’s [intention-to-submit form](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=NUNFkk5Wz0ywsCREW4wD943aRnS3L-RPsF4vKdj41yJUQUVWMFE3MEpDWEg3UVowQU9DTkg5NDhXVCQlQCN0PWcu)  by **1 August 2024** 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:

* Your finance staff will be automatically contacted when your complete and submit the intention-to-submit form
* [eRA Internal Approvals forms](http://www.researchsupport.uct.ac.za/rsh/era/internal-process) should reach the Finance Approver step by no later than **16 September 2024.**
* Faculty approved eRA forms must reach RC&I by **23 September 2024.**

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[The Wellcome Early-Career Awards scheme](https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/schemes/early-career-awards) 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](https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/guidance/discovery-research-schemes-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.
* More information regarding allowable and non-allowable costs can be found [here](https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/schemes/early-career-awards#what-we-offer-8137).

**Eligibility:**

The call is open to early-career researchers who:

* Hold a PhD or have completed four years’ equivalent research experience; and
* Are ready to design, plan, and deliver their own innovative project that aims to:
	+ Advance understanding in their field, and/or
	+ Develop methodologies, conceptual frameworks, tools, or techniques that could benefit health-related research
* Please review the [Wellcome's Eligibility and Suitability](https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/schemes/early-career-awards#eligibility-and-suitability-72a1) criteria to confirm your individual eligibility.

**Deadlines & submission process:**

* **UCT internal requirements**
	+ Applicants must complete UCT’s Intention-to-Submit form by not later than **1 August 2024.**
	+ [eRA Internal Approvals forms](http://www.researchsupport.uct.ac.za/rsh/era/internal-process) should reach Finance Approver step by **16 September 2024.**
	+ Faculty approved eRA forms must reach UCT’s Research Contracts & Innovation (RC&I) office by **23 September 2024.**

*Please take note that applications that need to be actioned/signed-off on by RC&I need to reach RC&I stage sufficiently in advance of any deadlines, and by no later than at least five working days before funders’ deadline. When your application reaches RC&I all necessary approvals must already be in place and finalised e.g., budget approval on eRA. In instances where RC&I are not given a minimum of five working days to review and submit a proposal, they will not be held liable for any consequences should they be unable to meet the funder deadline.*

* **Funder submission**
	+ Applicants to submit the application on Wellcome Trust[**online grants system**](https://login-funding.wellcome.org/s/login/?startURL=%2Fsetup%2Fsecur%2FRemoteAccessAuthorizationPage.apexp%3Fsource%3DCAAAAYkCxmNWMDAwMDAwMDAwMDAwMDAwAAAA9OsHjPD6MdMmuIZKtWPEdJw5WXXhflrBTxHjAj7UzkFHVjZ_EVV5Un67bDfQYNk77XcJDWfngYN_2ACJpkyUqFEuTfEzsnKcCl_ZgNdJk6KAbF6WRPgxjMvYBcZiWTBaumC2nxPGMBBNfJdcLSScG5T-UnfZ79UoegcRb8H-akS_TVBlzkItU3QPjGtVWNDaeXl45nueqY61tcOUnBx71U048KvtXiGjdFQDyZKUoqSk5RqWmxxTz7jFPtVFy5i2SjOIJiXf7qj_5nBd2BKAX_O2t7bVM5mj3S08QWHP2zcwIEUvsvHhhNgfbKlZZ2c1WU8me-GrPz6IY_jepVNTpdIqNG_6ZJ-k-rkxvzG764OSwVygP7V5eD-cs9fKkAFrSpftzfS3TQIsz3OTfP1GArr3OVN-0k3OYr0pQXI4zO85yZxQRft-T4XRop1eX6Ew5iSGGUvPG0htMBcS7cwant31iWGRPbt4W2GBlT9iRmftWxLQQSgRyXRi26O7ZDYfj3iprOHKagC8NKP9FoGS6tTeDXXtrkrGau3HkK7EcJgP5RH39h_q2qNaa_4skU-w3WuBfWOk-FzA3OlUJ69AcMhDzSHK6AN8WALycr-CtwvIGDxMs70YrYiuX_dMnSXX64qktMFG0hRBttwPMNTSe1c%253D&sdtd=1)no later than **24 September 2024**
	+ Final application deadline is **1 October 2024, 17:00 GMT**
* **Contact information:**
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	+ All other faculties contact internationalgrants@uct.ac.za