

Call for applications: Wellcome Early-Career Awards – February 2022 Round

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

Key Words: early career investigators, LMICs

Funding amount: Salary and maximum £400,000 for research expenses over 5 years

Funder deadline: Tuesday, 15 February 2022

UCT Intention to submit deadline: Please complete this [Intention to Submit form](#) by 30 November 2021 if you intend applying, so the Research Office may plan support accordingly.

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

- contact their faculty finance/budget reviewers by 18 January 2022
- eRA Internal Approvals forms should reach the Finance Approver step by 3 February 2022
- faculty approved eRA forms must reach RC&I by 8 February 2022.

Contact for more information:

- **Faculty of Health Sciences:** research.health@uct.ac.za
- **Other UCT Faculties:** internationalgrants@uct.ac.za

NOTE: The Faculty of Health Sciences Research Office will be hosting an interactive information session for prospective UCT applicants to this call:

- **Date:** Monday, 22 November 2021
- **Time:** 10:00-11:30.
- Please email your questions to research.health@uct.ac.za by Friday, 19 November.
- [Click here](#) to join the event.

The Wellcome Trust have launched three new discovery research funding schemes in line with their [new strategy](#). The [Wellcome Early-Career Awards scheme](#) 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](#).

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.
- Please visit [the funding announcement page](#) for details about this opportunity and updates regarding the application process.
- A recorded webinar related to the new funding schemes supported by Wellcome can be [accessed here](#).

Eligibility

The call is open to early-career researchers who:

- Hold a PhD/ have completed four years' equivalent research experience
- May have some postdoctoral experience but generally no more than 3 years
- Are ready to design, plan, and deliver their own innovative project that aims to:
 - o Advance understanding in their field, and/or

o Develop methodologies, conceptual frameworks, tools, or techniques that could benefit health-related research

How to apply

- UCT Internal requirements
 - o Complete [UCT's Intention-to-Submit form](#) by 30 November 2021
 - o Applicants should contact their faculty finance/budget reviewers (below) by 18 January 2022

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- o Faculty approved eRA forms must reach UCT's Research Contracts & Innovation (RC&I) office by 8 February 2022.
- Funder submission
 - o The final funder deadline is 15 February 2022
 - o Final submission will be [via Grant Tracker](#)

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