

Wellcome Trust Funding Opportunity

Wellcome Trust aims to make visible the impact of climate change on physical and mental health in order to drive urgent climate policy action at scale and has announced the following call to address this aim: 'Climate Impacts Awards: Unlocking urgent climate action by making the health effects of climate change visible.'

In 2024, we will fund projects that generate context-specific evidence using community knowledge and experiences to deliver actionable policy outcomes that can be scaled to multiple settings. We will prioritise funding for research that involves and serves the needs of communities most impacted by the health effects of climate change, and advance stories and narratives that tend to be absent in the media or underrepresented in public discourse (Perga et al, 2023). This will include generating and/or synthesising relevant data and insights (preferably across multiple sites or countries) on significant health issues arising from climate impacts.

We are looking for proposals with a clear theory of change and strong understanding of policy levers. Policy outcomes should be achievable within the award period, innovative in their design, and should support meaningful and sustainable change. Proposals should describe the intended policy outcomes and how new insights and effective communication will influence these outcomes.

Teams must have prior demonstrable success in work that combines science, policy, and society (Serrao-Neumann, et al 2021). We use the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) definition of transdisciplinary research. Transdisciplinary research combines knowledge from different scientific disciplines, citizens, public and private sector stakeholders to address complex societal challenges. By engaging key stakeholders from the outset and embedding different expertise in the research design, we expect that teams will use evidence and impactful narratives about the effects of climate change on health to drive urgent policy change that supports collaborative solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Recordings of webinars are available, and you are encouraged to watch the recordings:

Applying to the Climate Impacts Awards

Making the health effects of climate change visible

Career stage

Mid-career researcher Established researcher

Where your administering organisation is based

Anywhere in the world (apart from mainland China)

Level of funding

Up to £25 million

Duration of funding

Up to three years

Sample Application form

Form can be accessed <u>here</u>.

Call details

Access the call details **here**.

Deadlines

DRD budget approval deadline: 20 March 2024

UFS internal deadline: 22 March 2024

Wellcome Trust Final deadline: 3 April 2024, 17:00 BST

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