

Wellcome Trust Funding opportunities

This is a gentle reminder of the upcoming **closing dates** for the respective **Wellcome funding opportunities** listed below. Please note that Wellcome applications are highly competitive, and it is strongly recommended to begin preparing your proposal well in advance of the closing date.

Kindly also note the following internal requirements:

- The **budget** must be approved and signed off by the **Directorate Research Development** ([@Sugandren Moodley](#) and [@Zusake Sokutu](#)) *at least two weeks* before the Wellcome final closing date.
- **Supporting documents** can be requested from **@Eleanor van der Westhuizen** *at least ten days* before the final closing date.

Get advice that will help you apply for Wellcome funding <https://wellcome.org/research-funding/guidance>

<u>Prepare to apply</u> Everything you need to know to understand if you can apply, check if your research is right for Wellcome, write your application and prepare for interview.	<u>How Wellcome makes funding decisions</u> Read about Wellcome's policies and process for making funding decisions and explore our funding advisory committees.	<u>Managing your grant</u> Everything you need to manage your research project and support the people working on it.
<u>How to claim grant funds</u> Everything you need to know to claim your research costs, get set up to receive funding if this is your first award, and contacts to help you along the way.	<u>Ending a grant</u> Learn how to report the outcomes of your project, publish your findings, and claim your final grant payment.	<u>Funding policies and grant conditions</u> How we expect you to manage and conduct your research projects.

<u>Mental Health Award: Transforming early intervention for anxiety, depression, and psychosis in young people</u> Deadline: 11 November 2025 Funding for projects that robustly test the real-world effectiveness and assess implementation strategies of scalable transformative early interventions for anxiety, depression, and psychosis in young people.	<u>Wellcome Career Development Awards</u> Deadline: 20 November 2025 This scheme provides funding for mid-career researchers who have the potential to become international research leaders. They will develop their research capabilities, drive innovative work programmes, and deliver significant shifts in understanding related to human life, health, and well-being. Lead applicant career stage:	<u>Wellcome Career Development Awards</u> Deadline: 20 November 2025 This scheme provides funding for mid-career researchers who have the potential to become international research leaders. They will develop their research capabilities, drive innovative work programmes, and deliver significant shifts in understanding related to human life, health, and well-being. Lead applicant career stage:
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Lead applicant career stage: • Established researcher Administering organisation location: • Anywhere in the world (apart from mainland China) Funding duration: Twelve months for the foundation phase and up to five years for the impact phase Funding amount: £200 000 for the foundation phase and £5 million to £8 million for the impact phase Strategic programme: • Mental Health Frequency: One-off Co-applicants: Required	• Mid-career researcher Administering organisation location: • UK • Republic of Ireland • Low- or middle-income countries (apart from India and mainland China) Funding duration: Usually eight years, but it may be less for some disciplines and may only be longer if held on a part-time basis. Funding amount: You should ask for the resources you need for your research programme – see the 'Research costs we'll cover' section on this page. You will need to work with your organisation to justify your request in the context of the support they will provide. The annual expenditure for a Career Development Award is usually less than £250 000, excluding the applicant's salary. Applications above this value will be subject to additional scrutiny. Strategic programme: • Discovery Research • Climate and Health • Infectious Disease • Mental Health Frequency: Three times a year – upcoming deadlines in November 2025 and March 2026 Co-applicants: Not accepted	• Mid-career researcher Administering organisation location: • UK • Republic of Ireland • Low- or middle-income countries (apart from India and mainland China) Funding duration: Usually eight years, but it may be less for some disciplines and may only be longer if held on a part-time basis. Funding amount: You should ask for the resources you need for your research programme – see the 'Research costs we'll cover' section on this page. You will need to work with your organisation to justify your request in the context of the support they will provide. The annual expenditure for a Career Development Award is usually less than £250 000, excluding the applicant's salary. Applications above this value will be subject to additional scrutiny. Strategic programme: • Discovery Research • Climate and Health • Infectious Disease • Mental Health Frequency: Three times a year – upcoming deadlines in November 2025 and March 2026 Co-applicants: Not accepted
Wellcome Early-Career Awards Deadline: 17 February 2026 This scheme provides funding for early-career researchers from any discipline who are ready to develop their research identity. Through	Genomics in Context Awards: collaborative research at the intersection of genomics, humanities, social sciences, and bioethics Opening soon These awards will support transdisciplinary teams with	PhD Fellowships for Health Professionals Deadline: Various dates Wellcome's PhD Programmes for Health Professionals offer health professionals outstanding research training

innovative projects, they will deliver shifts in understanding related to human life, health, and well-being. By the end of the award, they will be ready to lead their own independent research programme. Lead applicant career stage: • Early-career researcher Administering organisation location: • UK • Republic of Ireland • Low- or middle-income countries (apart from India and mainland China) Funding duration: Usually five years, but may be less for some disciplines, and may only be longer if held on a part-time basis. Funding amount: Your salary and up to £400 000 for research expenses. Certain costs do not count towards the £400 000 research expenses limit. Check 'Research costs we'll cover' for more information. Strategic programme: • Discovery Research • Climate and Health • Infectious Disease • Mental Health Frequency: Three times a year Co-applicants: Not accepted	the time and resources to create new research agendas and explore innovative ways of working to catalyse research discoveries at the intersection of genomics, humanities, social sciences, and bioethics. Lead applicant career stage: • Early-career researcher • Mid-career researcher • Established researcher Administering organisation location: • Anywhere in the world (apart from mainland China) Funding duration: 12-24 months Funding amount: Up to £500 000 for each award Strategic programme: • Discovery Research Frequency: One-off Co-applicants: Required	in supportive and inclusive research environments. Lead applicant career stage: • Postgraduate training Administering organisation location: • UK Funding duration: Three years (full-time equivalent) Funding amount: Salary and research expenses covered Strategic programme: Not aligned with our strategic programmes Frequency: N/A Co-applicants: Not accepted
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