



UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor - Research Directorate of Research and Publication

Research Funding Opportunities with Deadlines in the Second - Fourth Quarters of 2026 Group 52 21st June 2026

1. ERC Advanced Grant 2026 (ERC-2026-ADG)

Deadline: 27 August 2026

Focus: Investigator-driven frontier research projects led by established research leaders pursuing high-risk/high-gain research to generate transformative scientific breakthroughs

Indicative Grant Size: Up to €2.5m over 5 years, plus up to €1m additional funding (up to €2m for researchers relocating from a third country)

Eligibility: Universities, Research institutes, public research organizations, private research entities

Prep: Secure a host institution in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country and submit a frontier research proposal through the Funding & Tenders Portal

URL: <https://www.globalsouthopportunities.com/2026/06/08/erc-2/>

2. 11th Call for Proposals: STEG Small Research Grants

Deadline: 29 June 2026

Focus: Research on structural transformation and economic growth in low and middle income countries, including firms, labour, agriculture, trade, public policy, gender, climate, data, and AI-related development challenges

Indicative Grant Size: Up to £25k

Eligibility: Researchers worldwide affiliated with universities, research institutes, and other eligible organizations; collaboration between researchers in lower- and higher-income countries is encouraged

Prep: Submit research proposal, budget, and supporting documents through the STEG online application system

URL: <https://grp.cepr.org/steg/funding-calls/11th-call-proposals-steg-small-research-grants>

3. Wellcome Prize for Mental Health Science 2026

Deadline: 18 September 2026

Focus: Breakthrough interventions for anxiety, depression, and psychosis

Indicative Grant Size: USD 1m for the winner; USD 250k each for three finalists

Eligibility: Research teams worldwide from universities, research institutes, healthcare organizations, nonprofits, and SMEs

Prep: Submit application demonstrating scientific rigor, impact, scalability, and lived-experience involvement

URL: <https://go.nature.com/wellcomeprizementalhealth->

4. Discovery Research Grants 2027

Deadline: 08 September 2026

Focus: Innovative research on pregnancy, maternal health, fetal health, birth defects, prematurity, and related reproductive health challenges

Indicative Grant Size: Up to USD 200k per year over 2 years

Eligibility: Faculty members or equivalent researchers at universities, hospitals, and research institutions; domestic and international applicants eligible

Prep: Submit LOI outlining research aims, significance, innovation, and approach; selected applicants invited to submit a full proposal

URL: <https://www.marchofdimes.org/our-work/research/grants-awards/discovery-research-grants>

5. NLnet Foundation - NGI TALER 14th Call

Deadline: 1 August 2026

Focus: Privacy-preserving digital payments, GNU Taler ecosystem development, payment infrastructure, integrations, tools, security, usability, and open-source financial technologies

Indicative Grant Size: Up to €50k per project

Eligibility: Individuals, researchers, universities, nonprofits, companies, and informal groups worldwide; outputs must be released under free and open-source licences

Prep: Submit proposal outlining technical objectives, milestones, budget, expected outcomes, and ecosystem impact through the NLnet application portal

URL: <https://nlnet.nl/taler/>

UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply