

Funding Opportunity Announcement: Wellcome Trust Early Career Award

The Wellcome Trust [Early-Career Award](#) scheme is soliciting applications from early-career researchers from any discipline who are ready to develop their research identity. Through innovative projects, they 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 as long as it has the potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing, and aligns with the Wellcome Trust's [funding remit](#).

Eligibility criteria:

Please review the [funding opportunity announcement](#) to confirm your individual eligibility and suitability to apply for this opportunity. The call is open to early-career researchers who:

- Hold a PhD/ 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.
- Hold a permanent, open-ended, or long-term rolling contract.

Award Budget:

- Grants are available for up to five years and applicants may request salary and up to £400,000 for research expenses.
- More information regarding allowable and non-allowable costs can be found [here](#).

Submission Deadlines:

IMPORTANT: This proposal requires the PI to complete an online application on the funder portal ([Wellcome Funding](#)) as well as requesting institutional approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration ([eRA](#)) system, prior to submission of the application. Furthermore, please note that final submission of an application on Wellcome Funding is actioned by UCT's Research Contracts and Innovation (RC&I) office.

	General
PI to initiate an eRA proposal approval request and contact the Departmental Budget Reviewer no later than	24 August 2023
PI to submit an eRA proposal approval request to the Finance Approver step on eRA no later than	25 September 2023
PI to submit the application on Wellcome Funding no later than	28 September 2023
RC&I to action final submission on Wellcome Funding no later than	5 October 2023 (17:00 BST)

Please complete this FHS [intention-to-submit form](#) by **24 August** if you intend applying for this call. Please note that completion of this form is for the purposes of internal support and tracking, it is not linked to funder application processes and does not commit you to applying to this opportunity.

For any further queries, please contact the [Research Development Team](#).