

**Spencer Foundation: Large Research Grant Programme
Awards Scheme**

Submission process:

This is a two-stage process:

- **Stage 1:** Pre-proposal stage
- **Stage 2:** Full proposal stage (by invitation)

The Pre-proposal requires the PI to complete an online application on the funder portal ([Spencer online portal](#)) as well as requesting institutional approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration ([eRA](#)) system, prior to submission of the application.

UCT internal requirements for the Pre-proposal stage application

Deadline	
PI to initiate an eRA Preliminary-proposal Approval request and alert their Senior Finance Officer* of the budgetary support needed	Immediately
PI to submit an eRA Preliminary-proposal Approval request with a draft budget to the Budget Reviewer step on eRA at least 4 weeks before the funder deadline	27 Jan 2026
PI to submit an eRA Preliminary-proposal Approval request to the Finance Approver step on eRA at least 2 weeks before the funder deadline	10 Feb 2026
PI to submit the application on the funder portal by the funder deadline	24 Feb 2026

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