

**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	<b>Immediately</b>
PI to submit an eRA Preliminary-proposal Approval request with a draft budget to the Budget Reviewer step on eRA at least <b>4 weeks</b> before the funder deadline	<b>27 Jan 2026</b>
PI to submit an eRA Preliminary-proposal Approval request to the Finance Approver step on eRA at least <b>2 weeks</b> before the funder deadline	<b>10 Feb 2026</b>
PI to submit the application on the funder portal by the funder deadline	<b>24 Feb 2026</b>

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