**Thrasher Research Fund: Early Career Awards**

**Submission process:**

This is a two-stage process:

- Stage 1 is a concept paper stage
- Stage 2 is by invitation (only shortlisted concepts)

This proposal requires the PI to complete an online application on the funder portal (Thrasher Research Fund 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**

| | Deadline |
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| PI to initiate an eRA Proposal Approval request and alert their Senior Finance Officer* of the budgetary support needed at least **6 weeks** before the funder deadline | **21 July 2026** |
| PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request with a draft budget to the Budget Reviewer step on eRA at least **4 weeks** before the funder deadline | **04 Aug 2026** |
| PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request to the Finance Approver step on eRA at least **2 weeks** before the funder deadline | **18 Aug 2026** |
| RC&I to complete and sign the Proposal Application as Supervising Institutional Authority on funder portal at least **1 week** before the funder deadline | **25 Aug 2026** |
| PI to submit the application on the funder portal by the funder deadline | **01 Sept 2026** |

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Please complete this FHS intention-to-submit form if you intend applying for this call.