

Call for Expression of Interest: IDRC- Regional hubs for climate change and health

Keywords: Climate Change & Global Warming; Health Disparities; Health Systems in Developing Countries; International Health; Medicine & Health

NB: UCT MAY SUBMIT ONLY ONE APPLICATION AS THE LEAD INSTITUTION.

Potential applicants must contact the International Grants Hub (internationalgrants@uct.ac.za) before proceeding to ensure we do not violate this requirement from the funder.

Funding amount and duration of funding: Up to CAD4 million per hub for up to five years

Expression of Interest (EOI) submission deadline: **05 April 2024** (Only applicants whose EOIs are successful will be invited to submit a full proposal)

Full proposal submission deadline: **14 June 2024**

UCT Internal Deadlines

- **UCT Intention to submit deadline:** **29 March 2024**

If you intend to apply for this opportunity, please complete Intention-to-Submit form below. This helps the Research Office to plan support accordingly.

- Health Sciences applicants, please fill in this [FHS Intention-to-submit-form](#)
- All other Faculties please fill in this [intention-to-submit form](#)

Virtual Q&A webinar

Q&A webinar will on **Thursday, 07 March 2024**, from 3:00-4:30pm CAT in English with simultaneous French interpretation.

Registration for this session is available at [here](#) but closes on Thursday, 07 March 2024, at 12:00am CAT.

Once you have registered, a link will be emailed to you one week before the event and again the day before the event.

Contacts: Faculty of Health Sciences: FHS.ResearchFunding@uct.ac.za ; **All Other Faculties -** internationalgrants@uct.ac.za

About the Funding Opportunity

To help address critical knowledge gaps at the intersection of climate change and health, this funding opportunity seeks to establish regional hubs on climate change and health — one each in West and Central Africa, East and Southern Africa, South Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East and North Africa. Each hub will be managed by a regionally based organization or consortium of organizations. The selected regional hub will be tasked with establishing, managing, and supporting a cohort of research sub-grants in their respective region. The selected hubs will be expected to run one or more open competitive calls to identify and select research projects in their corresponding region. It is expected that the selected projects will represent linguistic, gender and geographic diversity across the respective region; diversity across thematic areas relevant to climate change and health; diversity based on different determinants and attributes of vulnerability; and diversity of involved stakeholders such as policymakers, civil society, and private-sector representatives.

For full call details, please see [here](#)

Eligibility Criteria

The complete list of eligibility criteria for this Call is included in [here](#)

Application Process

Note: UCT can only submit one application as the Lead Organization. If you are intending to apply for this opportunity you must contact IGH at internationalgrants@uct.ac.za before proceeding.

How to apply

UCT Internal deadlines and requirements for Full proposal submission

- Applicants should:
 - Complete the Intention to submit form and contact faculty finance/budget reviewer by no later than **10 May 2024**
 - eRA Internal Approvals forms should reach the Finance Approver by no later than **24 May 2024**
 - eRA Internal Approvals forms should reach the Final Faculty Approver step by no later than **31 May 2024**
 - Faculty approved eRA forms must reach RC&I by **07 June 2024**

Funder's Application Portal

- **Stage 1: Expression of Interest (EOI)**
- **Stage 2: Full Proposal Submission**

This funding opportunity follows a structured two-stage process. Firstly, interested applicants must complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) stage, which is mandatory. During this phase, applicants will complete an eligibility checklist and provide supporting documents. Notably, no technical proposal or concept note is needed at this initial stage. **Only those whose EOIs meet the criteria will progress to the second stage, where they will be invited to submit a full proposal.** Further details regarding the application process, including the EOI phase, are outlined in the [call document](#).

Anticipated timelines

Please be advised that these dates are approximations and subject to change.

- Call Opens: 26 February 2024
- Virtual Q&A webinar (Open to all): 07 March 2024
- EOI submission deadline: 05 April 2024
- Communication of results to applicants: 30 April 2024
- Full proposal submission deadline: 14 June 2024 (Funder deadline)
- Notice of decision: 19 July 1, 2024
- Funding start date: 01 October 2024

Cautionary Notes

*Please take note that applications that need to be actioned/signed-off on by RC&I need to reach RC&I stage sufficiently in advance of any deadlines, and by no later than **at least five working days before funders' deadline**. When your application reaches RC&I all necessary approvals must already be in place and finalised e.g., budget approval on eRA. In instances where RC&I are not given a minimum of five working days to review and submit a proposal, they will not be held liable for any consequences should they be unable to meet the funder deadline.*

Pls to be mindful of any differences between UCT internal deadlines and those set by the external funder. Plan your application timeline accordingly to meet both sets of deadlines.