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Subject: CALL: Wellcome Trust - Discovery Award round 1 2026

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The banner features a dark background with a stylized, glowing blue and purple brain and DNA helix. The text 'Research Funding Opportunities' and 'Navorsingsbefondsingsgeleenthede' is overlaid in white. The Stellenbosch University logo is in the top right, and 'RESEARCH FOR IMPACT' is in the bottom right.

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| <p><i>Please note that this information is sent to a distribution list of all SU researchers. It may, therefore, be possible that this specific call is not applicable to your specific research field. We trust that future calls will be relevant.</i></p> | <p><i>Let asb daarop dat hierdie inligting aan 'n verspreidingslys van alle US-navorsers gestuur word. Dit mag dus wees dat hierdie spesifieke oproep nie van toepassing is op u studieveld nie. Ons vertrou dat toekomstige oproepe wel relevant mag wees.</i></p> |
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TO: ALL SU RESEARCHERS // AAN: ALLE US NAVORSERS

Dear colleagues // Beste kollegas

The Wellcome Trust has moved over to a new platform called [Wellcome Funding](#). Applications are now to be completed on the Wellcome Funding platform.

For more information <https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/wellcome-discovery-awards>

| Funding Opportunity | Disciplines | Categories to be funded | Eligibility / Special Conditions | Funding | How to apply | Closing dates |
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| Wellcome Discovery Awards | any discipline – including science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), experimental medicine, humanities and social science, clinical/allied health sciences, and public health – as long as it has the potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing, and aligns with Wellcome Trust funding remit . | Research project costs (see the 'Research costs we'll cover' section on the web page) | you must have: international standing as a research leader in your field experience of leading innovative and creative research a track record of managing and training others If you are the lead applicant for a team, you must also be able to demonstrate you can drive and lead a substantial collaborative research programme. You must be able to contribute at least | Review and approval of budget once you have familiarised yourself with the budget guidelines and completed a draft budget: Please send your budget to the Project accountants by 9 March 2026 Stellenbosch, Bellville and Saldanha campuses: – Zenzo Nonzinzi (zenkosinonzini@sun.ac.za) Melisha Munsamy (melisham@sun.ac.za) Faculty of Medical & Health Sciences: FMHSGMO@sun.ac.za | Complete your application on Wellcome Funding | SU internal closing date 16 March 2026 |

20% of your research time to the programme.

At the point of application, you should have a permanent, open-ended or long-term rolling contract, or the guarantee of one. The contract should not be conditional on receiving this award.

Your salary must be paid by your host organisation for the duration of the award. If you are based in a low- or middle-income country, you can ask for a contribution to your salary if you hold a permanent, open-ended or long-term rolling contract that states that you have to get your salary from external grant funding.

If you have less than three years remaining on your

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| | | contract at the point of application, you must have secured your next position at an eligible organisation and provide a letter of support from them. | | |
| Contact person at SU | <p><u>VERY CAREFULLY READ THE CALL DOCUMENTS BEFORE SUBMITTING QUERIES TO THE FOLLOWING CONTACT PERSON:</u></p> <p>Shannon Faro, sbrooks@sun.ac.za</p> | | | |

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