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**Subject:** CALL: Funding opportunity: Wellcome Trust - Climate Impacts Awards: Unlocking urgent climate action by making the health effects of climate change visible

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**Dear colleagues // Beste kollegas**

The aim of this scheme is to make the impacts of climate change on physical and mental health visible to drive urgent climate policy action at scale. We will fund transdisciplinary teams to deliver short-term, high impact projects that can drive policy impact by combining evidence generation (or synthesis) with influencing and engagement strategies.

For more information: <https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/climate-impacts-awards-unlocking-urgent-climate-action-making-health-2>

Funding Opportunity	Disciplines	Categories to be funded	Eligibility / Special Conditions	Funding	How to apply	Closing dates
<b>Wellcome Trust - Climate Impacts Awards: Unlocking urgent climate action by making the health effects of climate change visible</b>	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	Research project costs (see the 'Research costs we'll cover' section on the web page)	<p>The lead applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a permanent, open-ended or long-term rolling contract, or the guarantee of one, for the duration of the award. The contract should not be conditional on receiving this award. Lead applicants with less than three years remaining on their contract at the point of application must have secured their next position at an eligible organisation and provide a letter of support from them.</li> <li>Be a team leader who wants to advance transdisciplinary research on the impacts of climate change on health and</li> </ul>	<p>Up to £2.5 million per award Up to 3 years</p> <p>The Wellcome Trust expect to make around 10-15 awards in this highly competitive funding scheme</p> <p><b>Review and approval of budget <u>once you have familiarised yourself with the budget guidelines and completed a draft budget:</u></b></p> <p>Please send your budget to the Project accountants by <b>18 March 2026</b></p> <p>Stellenbosch, Bellville and Saldanha campuses: – Zenkosi Nonzinzi (<a href="mailto:zenkosinonzinzi@sun.ac.za">zenkosinonzinzi@sun.ac.za</a>), Melisha Munsamy (<a href="mailto:melisham@sun.ac.za">melisham@sun.ac.za</a>)</p>	Log in to our online grants system (Wellcome Funding)	<p><b>Attend the funding webinar at 12:00pm (GMT) on 23 February 2026 (registration link on website)</b></p> <p><b>SU internal closing date 25 March 2026</b></p>

	Trust funding remit.		<p>has experience leading transdisciplinary teams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have prior experience of conducting policy-relevant research, engaging appropriate policy partners in climate and/or health and an established policy network.</li> <li>• Have knowledge brokering skills such as the ability to bring together research teams and policy makers and/or impacted communities.</li> <li>• Actively <u>foster a diverse, inclusive and supportive research environment</u> within their team and across their organisation.</li> <li>• Be based at an eligible administering organisation that can sign up to <u>Wellcome's grant conditions</u>.</li> </ul> <p>There can only be one lead applicant on applications to this scheme. Wellcome cannot make awards to</p>	<p>Faculty of Medical &amp; Health Sciences:  <a href="mailto:FMHSGMO@sun.ac.za">FMHSGMO@sun.ac.za</a></p>		
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			teams with co-lead applicants.			
<b>Contact person at SU</b>	<b><u>VERY CAREFULLY READ THE CALL DOCUMENTS BEFORE SUBMITTING QUERIES TO THE FOLLOWING CONTACT PERSON:</u></b>  <b>Shannon Faro, <a href="mailto:sbrooks@sun.ac.za">sbrooks@sun.ac.za</a></b>					

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