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**Dear colleagues // Beste kollegas**

The LCRF grant program provides funding for research into the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure of lung cancer. Our funding mechanisms are designed to fund innovative projects across a variety of diverse topics and to support the careers of talented scientists.

For more information: <https://www.lungcancerresearchfoundation.org/research/funding-opportunities-2026/>

Funding Opportunity	Disciplines	Categories to be funded	Eligibility / Special Conditions	Funding	How to apply	Closing dates
<b>2026 LCRF Research Grant on Prevention and Early Detection in Lung Cancer</b>	<p>This funding mechanism is focused on identifying, characterizing, and developing approaches and techniques that will allow early detection and/or prevention of lung cancer and gaining insight into pre-neoplastic processes in the lungs. The ultimate goal is to detect lung cancer at the earliest stages and subsequently increase survival and survivorship. While this list is not exclusive, general areas of interest include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvements in risk stratification of patients and</li> </ul>	<p>Additional budget requirements and considerations include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding from this award may not be used to support institutional indirect / facilities and administrative costs.</li> <li>• The LCRF grant must be the primary source of support for the project. Additional secondary funding (e.g.</li> </ul>	<p>Investigators must be primarily affiliated with a non-profit academic or research institution and must be post-doctoral researchers, clinical fellows, or early-career and mid-career investigators with less than seven years' experience since their</p>	<p>The maximum award amount is \$150,000 for a period of two years (disbursed at \$75,000 per year).</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>24 February 2026</b></p> <p>Stellenbosch, Bellville and Saldanha campuses: – Zenkosi Nonzinzi (<a href="mailto:zenkosinonzini@sun.ac.za">zenkosinonzini@sun.ac.za</a>), Melisha Munsamy (<a href="mailto:melisham@sun.ac.za">melisham@sun.ac.za</a>)</p> <p>Faculty of Medical &amp; Health Sciences: <a href="mailto:FMHSGMO@sun.ac.za">FMHSGMO@sun.ac.za</a></p>	<p>Go to <a href="https://proposalcentral.com/">https://proposalcentral.com/</a></p>	<b>SU internal closing date 3 March 2026</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• uptake for screening</li> <li>• Identification and characterization of new biomarkers for NSCLC and SCLC</li> <li>• Development of predictive, diagnostic, or prognostic biomarkers</li> <li>• Liquid biopsy assays and related techniques</li> <li>• Genomic and histological approaches to improve early detection in tissue samples</li> <li>• Novel imaging and computational modalities to identify and risk stratify pre-neoplastic lesions</li> <li>• Implementation science with systematic uptake of</li> </ul>	<p>for core services support) is permitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no limit on the amount of salary support that may be requested. However, appropriate justification for all budget items is required. Any salary requests in excess of 20% of the total budget must be explicitly justified. Queries related to justification should be sent to LCRF at least a week before submission deadline.</li> <li>• Any equipment costs must be limited and</li> </ul>	<p>initial faculty appointment.</p> <p>Applicants are prohibited from applying if they have received funding from the LCRF within the last 4 years.</p> <p>Applicants are prohibited from applying in more than one of LCRF's funding tracks in the same cycle either as lead investigator or co-investigator.</p> <p>A lead investigator or a co-investigator</p>	
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	<p>evidence-based research findings into routine practices to improve quality and effectiveness of health services for early detection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies of pre-neoplasia and progression to lung neoplasia to inform prevention strategies</li> <li>• Development of pathways to increase uptake and utilization of lung cancer screening</li> <li>• Epidemiology studies to identify risk factors and implementation of prevention measures</li> <li>• Development of any new technologies that will aid in identifying early-</li> </ul>	<p>directly applicable to the research project (i.e. large, general equipment costs are not permitted).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct patient care costs reimbursable by other sources may not be included.</li> <li>• Travel and publication costs are permitted.</li> <li>• Co-investigator(s) are allowed to be part of the proposal. If awarded, funds will be disbursed to the sponsoring institution where the lead-investigator is primarily affiliated.</li> </ul>	<p>of a proposal currently funded by LCRF cannot apply.</p> <p>Senior investigators with more than seven years' experience since faculty appointment are generally not eligible for funding and are encouraged to mentor a junior team member through the application process.</p>	
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	stage lung cancers					
<b>2026 LCRF Research Grant on Overcoming Resistance in Lung Cancer</b>	<p>We encourage applications on a wide variety of topics related to understanding and/or overcoming resistance including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mechanisms of resistance to targeted therapies for oncogene-driven lung cancers. Proposals are encouraged in the areas of histological transformation, oligometastatic disease, oligo-remnant disease, uncommon mutations and non-genomic mechanisms of resistance.</li> <li>• Biology and mechanisms of drug resistance to lung cancer therapies including</li> </ul>	<p>Additional budget requirements and considerations include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding from this award may not be used to support institutional indirect / facilities and administrative costs.</li> <li>• The LCRF grant must be the primary source of support for the project. Additional secondary funding (e.g. for core services support) is permitted.</li> <li>• There is no limit on the amount of salary support</li> </ul>	<p>Investigators must be primarily affiliated with a non-profit academic or research institution and must be post-doctoral researchers, clinical fellows, or early-career and mid-career investigators with less than seven years' experience since their initial faculty appointment.</p> <p>Applicants are prohibited from applying if they have received</p>	<p>The maximum award amount is \$150,000 for a period of two years (disbursed at \$75,000 per year).</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>24 February 2026</b></p> <p>Stellenbosch, Bellville and Saldanha campuses: – Zenkosi Nonzinzi (<a href="mailto:zenkosinonzini@sun.ac.za">zenkosinonzini@sun.ac.za</a>), Melisha Munsamy (<a href="mailto:melisham@sun.ac.za">melisham@sun.ac.za</a>)</p> <p>Faculty of Medical &amp; Health Sciences: <a href="mailto:FMHSGMO@sun.ac.za">FMHSGMO@sun.ac.za</a></p>	<p>Go to <a href="https://proposalcentral.com/">https://proposalcentral.com/</a></p>	<b>SU internal closing date 3 March 2026</b>

	<p>chemotherapy, immunotherapy, radiotherapy, and antibody drug conjugates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Novel treatment approaches and new therapies to overcome and/or prevent resistance to lung cancer therapies.</li> <li>• Novel diagnostic approaches (i.e. biomarkers) to monitor treatment response and relapse.</li> <li>• Overcoming resistance in difficult to treat sites of metastases such as leptomeningeal and brain metastases.</li> </ul>	<p>that may be requested. However, appropriate justification for all budget items is required. Any salary requests in excess of 20% of the total budget must be explicitly justified. Queries related to justification should be sent to LCRF at least a week before submission deadline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any equipment costs must be limited and directly applicable to the research project (i.e. large, general equipment costs are not permitted).</li> </ul>	<p>funding from the LCRF within the last 4 years.</p> <p>Applicants are prohibited from applying in more than one of LCRF's funding tracks in the same cycle either as lead investigator or co-investigator.</p> <p>A lead investigator or a co-investigator of a proposal currently funded by LCRF cannot apply.</p> <p>Senior investigators</p>	
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<b>2026 LCRF Leading Edge Research Grant Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lung cancer biology</li> <li>• Identification of new biomarkers</li> <li>• Machine learning and digital pathology</li> </ul>	<p>Additional budget requirements and considerations include the following:</p>	<p>Investigators must be primarily affiliated with a non-profit academic or</p>	<p>The maximum award amount is \$150,000 for a period of two years (disbursed at \$75,000 per year).</p> <p>Go to <a href="https://proposalcentral.com/">https://proposalcentral.com/</a></p>	<p><b>SU internal closing date 3 March 2026</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of more effective and less toxic therapies including but not limited to targeted and immune-therapies</li> <li>• Genetic and gene-environment interactions</li> <li>• Interactions and contributions of multiple factors (e.g. smoking, genetics, environment, societal factors) to disparities in lung cancer outcomes</li> <li>• Mechanism of Antibody Drug Conjugates</li> <li>• Novel approaches to immunotherapy such as bispecific antibodies, vaccines, cellular therapies etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding from this award may not be used to support institutional indirect / facilities and administrative costs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LCRF grant must be the primary source of support for the project. Additional secondary funding (e.g. for core services support) is permitted.</li> <li>• There is no limit on the amount of salary support that may be requested. However, appropriate justification for all budget items is required. Any salary</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>research institution and must be post-doctoral researchers, clinical fellows, or early-career and mid-career investigators with less than seven years' experience since their initial faculty appointment.</p> <p>Applicants are prohibited from applying if they have received funding from the LCRF within the last 4 years.</p> <p>Applicants are prohibited from</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>24 February 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> <p>Faculty of Medical &amp; Health Sciences: <a href="mailto:FMHSGMO@sun.ac.za">FMHSGMO@sun.ac.za</a></p>
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<b>OUCH-Int'l and LCRF Research Grant Program on the Effects of Air Pollution and Climate Change on Carcinogenesis and Lung Cancer Prevalence</b>	This award's objective is to fund innovative projects to support research that examines the impact of climate change and environmental pollution on lung cancer risk, diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes and identifies strategies to mitigate these effects.	<p>Additional budget requirements and considerations include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The grant must be the primary source of support for the project.</li> <li>Additional secondary</li> </ul>	<p>Investigators must be affiliated with a non-profit academic or research institution. Applicants may be at any level in their career.</p> <p>Applicants from post-doctoral</p>	<p>The maximum award amount is \$200,000 for a period of two years (disbursed at \$100,000 per year).</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>12 May 2026</b></p>	<p>Go to <a href="https://proposalcentral.com/">https://proposalcentral.com/</a></p> <p><b>SU internal closing date 19 May 2026</b></p>

<p>Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact of climate change on cancer incidence and prevalence</li> <li>Role of screening for lung cancer in a warming climate, particularly in never-smokers or anyone who falls outside of the screening guidelines</li> <li>Understanding the impact of extreme weather events on lung cancer prevalence and outcomes (e.g., extreme weather events, severe heat, access to care, etc.)</li> <li>Investigations into the role of air pollution and lung cancer in never-smokers</li> </ul>	<p>funding (e.g. for core services support) is permitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no limit on the amount of salary support that may be requested. However, appropriate justification for all budget items is required. Any salary requests in excess of 20% of the total budget must be explicitly justified. Queries related to justification should be sent to LCRF grants office (see Inquiries section below) at least a week before submission deadline.</li> </ul>	<p>researchers; clinical fellows; or early-, mid-, or senior career investigators are eligible to apply.</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> <p>Faculty of Medical &amp; Health Sciences: <a href="mailto:FMHSGMO@sun.ac.za">FMHSGMO@sun.ac.za</a></p>	
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research focused on the effects and interactions of environmental carcinogens and ways to mitigate their impact</li> <li>• Research into the mechanisms by which PM2.5 and other environmental carcinogens cause lung cancer</li> <li>•</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any equipment costs must be limited and directly applicable to the research project (i.e. large, general equipment costs are not permitted).           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct patient care costs reimbursable by other sources may not be included.</li> <li>• Up to 10% of the funding from this award may be used to support institutional indirect / facilities and administrative costs.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel and publication costs are permitted.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |  |
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