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New Opportunities

Call Title:	Grant for Agroecology Program - Challenge Fund in India
Programme:	ACCESS Development Services
Objective:	The Grant for Agroecology Program (GAP) – Challenge Fund offers significant financial support to agroecology-focused enterprises seeking to scale their business operations across India.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The focus areas of this opportunity are investment greater than INR 01 Crore (10 million) and up to 02 Crore (20 million); the GAP Fund is announced quarterly at Pan India level; must be Producer Organization Enterprises (POEs) such as Producer Companies or Cooperatives or any registered entities or Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs); the enterprise must have been in operation for at least 2 years on the date of the application; the applicant firm should have minimum turnover of INR 2 Crore (20 million); audited financial statements for the past 02 years are available; proof of 30% co-funding; minimum coverage of 1000 small and marginal producers; Producer Organization Enterprises such as Producer Companies or Cooperatives or any other form of registered producer collective enterprises; for-profit enterprises including start-up organizations; individual entrepreneurs with registered business entity; nonprofit organizations or NGOs can assist with the preparation of an application by a Producer Organization or Enterprise but they cannot apply in their own right; proof of 30% co-funding.</p> <p>The GAP Challenge Fund has been designed to encourage enterprises working in agroecology to scale their operations and strengthen market linkages across India. By offering substantial financial assistance, the program supports organisations that are ready to expand and make measurable impact in the agricultural ecosystem.</p> <p>Enterprises applying for this fund must demonstrate strong operational history, financial stability, and the ability to benefit a large base of small and marginal producers. This ensures that the investment delivers meaningful outcomes on the ground while enabling businesses to adopt sustainable and resilient practices.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	The fund welcomes a diverse range of applicants, including producer organisations, cooperatives, for-profit enterprises, startups, and individual entrepreneurs with registered businesses. While nonprofits are not eligible to apply directly, they can play a supporting role by assisting producer organisations in preparing their applications.
Total Budget:	\$500,000
Deadline:	17/12/2025
More information and official documents:	https://agroecology-fund.org/service/grant-for-agroecology-program-gap-challenge-fund/

Call Title:	develoPPP Ventures Funding Support for Innovative Early-Stage Businesses
Programme:	Partners in Transformation develoPPP
Objective:	<p>The develoPPP Ventures programme offers support for young companies aiming to scale innovative and impactful business models in emerging markets.</p> <p>The focus areas of this opportunity are non-dilutive capital of EUR 100,000 (and a top-up for successful ventures in a potential second phase), the company must receive matching funds equaling the amount of the non-dilutive capital in the form</p>

	of cash injection from other investors, matching funds can be considered if received up to 6 months prior to the application and still available for the develoPPP Ventures investment, the external capital must have been received at the latest by the time of disbursement of the develoPPP Ventures funds.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Innovation: the business model is innovative with regard to the target country, scalability: the company has a high growth potential due to the size of the market and the target group, financial sustainability: the break-even point will be reached timely (maximum within 3 years), adequate management: the company has the necessary expertise as well as management capacity and human resources to substantially scale its business, developmental impact: the business model has a significant developmental relevance, the impact is measurable with positive effects on the target groups, the company is contributing to reaching the SDGs by increasing local income, saving natural resources, improving access to resources and services, and creating decent jobs, eligible companies must be registered in the target country or plan to register there prior to the investment, privately owned and profit-oriented, able to provide at least one annual financial statement, have a viable business plan and financial plan, be operative with first revenues from operating activities as proof of concept, and should not have acquired more than a maximum of EUR 2 million in funding to date.</p> <p>DEG Impulse gGmbH and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH implement this support mechanism with funding from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. The programme is designed to help early-stage companies expand their offerings in selected emerging markets while generating measurable impact aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>Selected ventures receive non-dilutive financing that allows them to accelerate their business growth while maintaining ownership. To access this support, companies must secure matching investment funds that mirror the programme's contribution. These funds demonstrate investor confidence and ensure that businesses have the financial backing needed to scale sustainably.</p> <p>Applications are reviewed based on innovation, growth potential, financial soundness, management capacity and demonstrated developmental relevance. Companies are expected to show clear pathways to breaking even within three years and must present strong operational foundations, including proof of concept through initial revenues.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	This opportunity is intended for privately owned and profit-oriented companies with early traction that are ready to scale within emerging markets. Applicants must either be registered in the target country or be prepared to complete registration before the investment is made. They must also have secured less than EUR 2 million in previous funding to remain eligible.
Total Budget: €500,000	
Deadline: 31/12/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.developpp.de/en/application/ventures/

Call Title:	Innovation Challenge: Separation Technology for Polymer-Coated Leather Waste
Programme:	Innovate UK Business Connect
Objective:	Applications are now open for Innovation Challenge for developing a separation technology to remove durable polymer layers from sheets of leather, leather pieces and leather fibres.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The challenge aims to achieve true circularity and meet customers' net-zero goals by transitioning to processing coated post-consumer and post-industrial leather waste from end-of-life products such as car seats, aircraft interiors, cutting room floor waste and footwear, and involves developing a separation technology to remove durable polymer layers from sheets of leather, leather pieces and leather fibres, with polymer coatings that can fragment and contaminate the leather fibres during mechanical processing, making them less suitable for the challenge holder's manufacturing process.</p> <p>The focus areas of this opportunity are to achieve true circularity and meet Net Zero goals, developing a separation technology to remove durable polymer layers from sheets of leather, leather pieces and leather fibres, PU coatings, protective finishes, and adhesives, identifying novel separation technologies for polymer contaminants and finishes from sheets or pieces of leather waste and leather fibres, processing leather waste from end-of-life products or coated leather waste into sustainable materials, trialling selected solutions in pilot studies at the challenge holder's state-of-the-art multi-million sqm annual capacity facility in the East of England for pilot-scale testing and validation of separation technologies, and the possibility of further adoption with co-investment through the challenge holder's £3+ million annual R&D budget. Entrants must be established businesses, academic institutions, start-ups, SMEs, or individual entrepreneurs, and may be UK based, EU based or international solution providers.</p> <p>The challenge holder is a global leader in sustainable and circular textiles employing approximately 150 people in the UK and exporting most of their production. Their current process uses 'wet blue' leather waste, which is uncoated chrome-tanned leather, to create high-performance sustainable materials for sectors including automotive, aviation, and consumer markets.</p> <p>To advance circularity, the company seeks solutions that can separate polymer coatings and finishes from coated leather waste and leather fibres, enabling them to utilise significantly more leather waste from end-of-life products. This step is essential to unlocking true circular material flows and meeting their long-term sustainability and net-zero commitments.</p> <p>Selected technologies will be offered the opportunity to undergo pilot-scale trials at the company's large-capacity facility in the East of England. Validation through real-world testing will help determine the potential for wider adoption. For successful and promising solutions, there is openness to further development support, including co-investment through the company's substantial annual research and development budget.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	The competition welcomes participation from a broad range of innovators, including industry, academia, start-ups, SMEs and individual inventors. Eligible solution providers may be based in the UK, the EU or anywhere internationally, reflecting the global importance of solving this circularity challenge.

Total Budget: €1,000,000+	
Deadline: 02/01/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://iuk-business-connect.org.uk/opportunities/innovation-exchange-challenge-separation-technology-to-remove-polymer-coating-and-contaminants-from-post-consumer-leather/

Call Title: Science for Nature and People Partnership Grant Program	
Programme: Science for Nature and People Partnership	
Objective:	Applicants are now invited to submit applications for the Science for Nature and People Partnership Grant Program to support high-impact collaborative working groups.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Knowledge to Action focuses on transforming scientific information into a pathway to evidence-based implementation of conservation and sustainability practices while Visionary Cross-Sectoral Science emphasizes inter-organizational collaboration that would not have happened in the absence of SNAPP funds and High Impact Science highlights outcome-oriented science outputs including papers reports and tools that are co-created with decision-makers and Future Each year, SNAPP provides up to 1,000,000 US dollars across four to six approved working groups, supporting teams that bridge science, policy, and on-the-ground implementation. The program emphasizes collaborative science and encourages proposals co-designed by scientists, decision-makers and implementers to ensure practical, real-world impact.</p> <p>Working groups are led by two to three Principal Investigators from different organizations and include twelve to fifteen members from diverse sectors such as non-profits, academia, indigenous and community groups, government and mission-driven entities.</p> <p>Over a twenty-four-month period, groups convene in person multiple times, collaborate remotely and engage with implementation partners to develop tools, test solutions, publish research and identify opportunities for lasting change. Proposals are evaluated on several detailed criteria. They must present clear science questions that address issues at the intersection of conservation and sustainability and contribute meaningful insights to current knowledge. Methods should integrate both biophysical and socioeconomic approaches, supported by comprehensive and appropriate datasets with relevant permissions. Expected scientific outputs must include tangible, high-impact deliverables co-created with decision-makers, such as reports, tools, papers and policy briefs. Co-creation is essential, with diverse representation from multiple organizations, sectors and worldviews, ensuring that no single entity dominates the collaboration. The proposal must also include at least one full-time research fellow with a strong mentorship plan, hosted by an institution adhering to SNAPP's zero percent indirect cost rate.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Conservation Science Leaders supports capacity development for interdisciplinary science-to-action Research Fellows.</p> <p>Implementation partners must be clearly identified, accompanied by detailed letters of support demonstrating how results will be applied to advance conservation and sustainable development practice. Application closes on January</p>

	6, 2026 and applicants are required to submit through the online portal, as emailed concept notes or full proposals will not be reviewed.
Total Budget:	\$1,000,000
Deadline:	06/01/2026
More information and official documents:	https://awards.snappartnership.net/

Call Title:	Fellowship for Advancing Science Journalism in Africa and the Middle East
Programme:	Knight Science Journalism
Objective:	The Knight Science Journalism program is now accepting applications for its Fellowship for Advancing Science Journalism, designed to support reporters and editors from the region in strengthening their skills and advancing their careers in science journalism.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The fellowship offers a \$40,000 stipend for the semester, MIT health insurance, a travel and housing stipend paid near the start of the fellowship, full access to MIT benefits such as subsidized public transportation, access to museums and other programs in the area and connections to a thriving community of science journalists.</p> <p>Throughout the semester, participants take part in seminars, training workshops and field trips that enhance their academic and professional experience. The fellowship is open to journalists based in Africa and the Middle East who have at least three years of experience reporting on science, health or environmental issues.</p> <p>Applicants must ensure that recommenders submit their letters before the deadline. The selected candidate will need to obtain a J-1 visa sponsored by MIT, with English language proficiency verified through interviews or language tests such as IELTS or TOEFL, although tests are not mandatory.</p> <p>Visa-related documents are not required at the application stage. The fellow selected for the program must reside full-time in the Boston-Cambridge area from August 16, 2026, to mid-December 2026, attend scheduled field trips, seminars and training sessions, develop a study plan that includes at least one science course audited at MIT, Harvard or other nearby universities, and refrain from outside paid professional work without written permission from the director.</p> <p>Applications close on January 9, 2026, at 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time, with recommendation letters due no later than January 15. A panel of distinguished science journalists reviews the applications between January and March, after which semifinalists are notified and invited for video interviews. The fellowship recipient will be publicly announced in April and visa sponsorship procedures will begin in mid-March to prepare for the program's start date.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants may include reporters, writers, editors, producers, illustrators, filmmakers or photojournalists working across newspapers, magazines, television, radio or digital media, and they must be proficient in spoken and written English. Candidates are required to submit a statement of purpose of up to 500 words, a resume or curriculum vitae, three relevant work samples with translations where

	needed, and at least one professional reference submitted directly by the recommender.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 09/01/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ksj.mit.edu/fellowships/africa-middle-east-fellowship/

Call Title:	IKI Small Grants Programme for Local Climate and Biodiversity Projects
Programme:	International Climate Initiative
Objective:	The IKI Small Grants Programme funded by the German Federal Government invites applications from national and local organisations to support climate and biodiversity projects through a newly updated application process that now includes a prior eligibility check before full proposal submission.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The IKI Small Grants programme is a complementary instrument within the International Climate Initiative (IKI). It serves to support local organisations in the implementation of their climate and biodiversity projects. It is funded by the German Federal Government. IKI Small Grants focuses on national and local organisations in ODA-eligible countries. Through annual calls for proposals, IKI Small Grants provides project funding to encourage active civil society engagement and implement effective, locally adapted approaches to the impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss. In addition, it supports small implementing organisations in further developing their capacities and strengthening their professional networks by customised measures. This aims to foster them as agents of change for climate and biodiversity action on the ground. The application process has recently been revised so that applicants must first undergo a prior eligibility check, assessing key eligibility criteria as outlined in the funding information. Only organisations that qualify through this screening will be invited to submit a full proposal, providing detailed project plans. The maximum budget volume corresponds to the average annual revenue of the last three years and is capped at EUR 200,000.</p> <p>The duration of supported projects ranges from a minimum of twelve months to a maximum of two years, with no exceptions. Projects should plan to begin in the first quarter of 2027 or later. Follow-up financing is not intended.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Funding is open to not-for-profit organisations and private companies pursuing strictly non-profit objectives within their proposed projects. Eligible applicants must be legally based and registered in countries meeting Official Development Assistance criteria and must have been operational for at least three years. Applicant organisations are required to demonstrate an average annual revenue between EUR 60,000 and EUR 500,000 over the past three years, and must have dedicated accounting staff, internal and external control mechanisms, and software-based accounting systems that meet national standards. Projects must be implemented directly by the applicant organisation, as consortia and regranting to other implementers are not permitted.</p>

Total Budget:	€200,000
Deadline:	15/01/2026
More information and official documents:	https://iki-small-grants.de/application/

Call Title:	AFS Global STEM Academies Program
Programme:	AFS Intercultural Programs
Objective:	The AFS Intercultural Programs is inviting applications for its AFS Global STEM Academies Program to offer a transformative blend of virtual and in-person learning designed to develop young leaders in STEM, sustainability, and global competence.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The focus areas of the Academies include global competence skills, social impact, sustainability, STEM skills, intercultural understanding, climate change, the energy transition, green energy solutions, robotics, sustainable technologies, mobility, innovation, sustainable energy, biofuels, alternative energies, electric vehicles, low-emission fuels, Indigenous knowledge, Portuguese language classes, Arabic language, art, dance, yoga, cultural immersion, community service, and student-led social impact projects.</p> <p>The program begins with a 12-week online learning experience conducted from home, during which scholars participate in workshops, e-learning modules, and dialogue sessions co-developed by AFS and the University of Pennsylvania Center for Social Impact Strategy.</p> <p>This virtual phase culminates in student-led social impact projects that address real-world sustainability challenges and align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Participants are expected to engage for approximately four hours per week and must complete this phase to qualify for travel.</p> <p>After successfully completing the virtual curriculum, selected scholars embark on a four-week international study abroad experience in one of four destinations: Brazil, China, Egypt, or India. Each location offers a unique thematic immersion. In Brazil, participants explore innovations in renewable energy through visits to leading institutions, cultural exchange, and a homestay experience. In China, scholars engage with mobility, innovation, and sustainable energy across Beijing, Shanghai, and Ningbo, complemented by hands-on activities and cultural experiences with local peers.</p> <p>The Egypt Academy provides a STREAM-focused journey through robotics, green energy, and sustainable technologies alongside cultural immersion and field visits. In India, scholars experience a blend of technology, sustainability, and rich cultural engagement through workshops, community service, and exposure to cutting-edge mobility solutions.</p> <p>The scholarship covers housing, meals, airfare, domestic transport, orientations, cultural tours, field trips, medical insurance, visa assistance, and comprehensive support, though expenses such as vaccinations, doctor visits, baggage fees, and personal spending are not included.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility for the scholarship is open to youth aged 15 to 17.5 at the start of the program who hold citizenship or legal residency in one of the eligible countries. Applicants must demonstrate interest in STEM, sustainability, and intercultural learning while being willing and able to travel unaccompanied.

	<p>English proficiency, access to technology, and the ability to fully participate in both the online and travel components are essential. AFS encourages applications from diverse backgrounds, including young women, underrepresented groups, and students with financial need.</p> <p>Applicants must submit required documents including academic history, a health certificate, permission forms, and recommendation letters before the January 15, 2026 deadline. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, and semi-finalists will be invited for virtual interviews, with final decisions announced on February 20, 2026.</p>
Total Budget:	€N/A
Deadline:	15/01/2026
More information and official documents:	https://afs.org/global-stem/academies/#afs-nav-destinations

Call Title:	EIT Community NEB's Start-up Accelerator Program 2026
Programme:	Climate KIC
Objective:	Are you building an impact-driven start-up that wants to grow — without compromising your values? Apply now for Catalyse NEB 2026, the EIT Community NEB accelerator for ventures shaping a sustainable, inclusive, and beautiful future.
Eligible Activities:	<p>A technical readiness level of at least 4 is expected, or prior involvement in the Grow NEB initiative. Founders must hold more than half of the company's shares and commit to signing a Simple Agreement for Future Equity (SAFE) before the programme begins. Participation of at least one founder throughout the programme is mandatory.</p> <p>The programme has a total budget of EUR 1,000,000 and will support 20 start-ups, each receiving EUR 50,000 of EIT Community NEB funding through subgrants and in-kind services. In addition to this support, every selected company will receive an extra EUR 22,000 to cover travel, participation in events and other goods and services required for dissemination and exploitation activities. The grant will be provided in two lump-sum payments, with the first instalment of EUR 11,000 transferred upon signing the Financial Support Agreement and SAFE between the start-up and the representative KIC, and the second instalment of EUR 11,000 released at the end of the programme following the submission of the final progress report and high-level reports, with all payments processed via direct bank transfer.</p> <p>Selected participants will benefit from tailored support over the duration of the programme. This includes business coaching, communications advice, and guidance on integrating NEB values into their models via interactive workshops, one-to-one mentoring on both design and business dimensions, plus a mix of online and in-person networking events.</p> <p>This accelerator is firmly rooted in the New European Bauhaus initiative, which seeks to bridge the gap between technology, arts, and community. It aims to nurture companies that can make the Green Deal tangible in everyday life by improving quality of life, rethinking urban environments, and fostering long-term, inclusive innovation.</p>

Eligible Applicants:	This programme supports ventures that embed social innovation as a key to deliver system change and new ways of living together. Qualified start-ups must be registered in an EU member state or a Horizon-Europe-associated country and incorporated after 1 January 2021. They should be at the pre-seed, seed, or exceptional Series A funding stage, having raised no more than €1 million so far, and should be committed to future growth. Those applying must have either generated a minimum revenue of €15,000 in 2025, secured at least €40,000 in investment, or already participated in the Grow NEB programme.
Total Budget:	€1,000,000
Deadline:	19/01/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.climate-kic.org/open-call/catalyse-neb-2026/

Call Title:	IKI Medium Grants for Climate and Biodiversity Action
Programme:	International Climate Initiative
Objective:	The International Climate Initiative (IKI), funded by the Government of Germany, supports developing and emerging countries in reducing greenhouse gases, adapting to climate change, and conserving biodiversity in alignment with international agreements such as the Paris Agreement and the UN Convention on Biological Diversity.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The focus is on dedicated climate and biodiversity conservation through strong advocacy with the involvement of civil society in planning, implementation, and use. IKI Medium Grants support organisations based or established in Germany at the time of the first disbursement of the grant. They implement projects for climate action, adaptation, and biodiversity together with partners in the Global South. The aims are to test innovative bottom-up approaches to be taken up by other non-state actors, and to strengthen civil society structures. The IKI Medium Grants provide targeted support for projects that advance international climate and biodiversity goals through innovative, practical approaches. The project ideas must relate to exactly one of the annually changing thematic priorities and at least one defined funding approach. Climate action through Circular Economy: Local approaches. This is also where civil society organisations play a key role: They raise awareness of the issue, advocate for favourable political framework conditions, support sustainable initiatives, test adapted concepts and demonstrate these through pilot projects in order to work towards the inclusion of corresponding measures in the NDCs. They also strengthen the capacities of local actors by sharing knowledge and skills in order to ensure the long-term implementation of circular approaches.</p> <p>A funding volume between EUR 300,000 and EUR 800,000 can be granted per project, and the maximum funding period is 36 months with no intention for follow-up financing. The initiative emphasises circular economy transitions to address the planetary triple crisis and achieve environmental and climate goals through local business models, innovation, and reduced resource consumption.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible organisations include civil society organisations, universities, research institutions, and non-profit enterprises. Applicants must have an ideal business area, no intent for profit, and be able to plan, implement, and account for projects.

	They must have a registered office, head office, or headquarters in Germany or another EU Member State at the time of submission, and a permanent establishment or branch in Germany at the time of the first disbursement with independent management and accounting.
Total Budget:	€800,000
Deadline:	20/01/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/find-funding/medium-grants/medium-grants-2025/

Call Title:	Netherlands Film Production Incentive for Film Productions
Programme:	Dutch Film Fund
Objective:	The Netherlands Film Production Incentive supports a stronger, more vibrant film industry by encouraging high-quality productions and collaboration within the Dutch film sector.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The focus areas of this opportunity include increase the attractiveness of the Dutch film sector for both majority and minority film productions, boost the production activity of creative and technical film professionals and film companies in the Netherlands, promote the development of film talent in the Netherlands, stimulate the diversity, quality and distribution of film productions, financial benefit of up to 35% (cash rebate) on qualifying production costs of (international) film productions demonstrably spent in the Netherlands, eligible projects are those that can be of value to the Dutch film sector and that stimulate collaboration with Dutch companies, or Switzerland, and producer must have realized at least one majority film production with a production budget of at least €500,000 and a theatrical release in the Netherlands.</p> <p>With a maximum subsidy contribution of up to €3 million per year per production company, the program offers substantial support to enable high-quality film development, talent growth, and broad distribution potential. This incentive is designed to strengthen the Dutch film landscape by attracting diverse film productions and increasing activity among creative and technical professionals. By offering up to a 35% cash rebate on qualifying production costs spent in the Netherlands, the program ensures that both national and international film projects can benefit while contributing to the local industry.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	The opportunity supports feature films, feature-length documentaries, and animated films, with a special emphasis on fostering international collaboration. Dutch producers partnering with international teams can exchange creativity, business expertise, and production capabilities, helping elevate Dutch cinema on a global scale.
Total Budget:	€3,000,000
Deadline:	25/01/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.filmfonds.nl/subsidies/subsidie/netherlands-film-production-incentive

Call Title:	Applications open for Film and TV Funding Award
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Programme: The Whickers	
Objective:	<p>Entries are now open for the Film and TV Funding Award to an emerging filmmaker from anywhere in the world with the most promising pitch for a director-led documentary.</p> <p>The award's focus on a director-led approach empowers filmmakers to express their unique vision, while its emphasis on engagement supports intimate storytelling with compelling characters.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>Curiosity encourages fresh perspectives that spark wonder, and the push for original use of technology promotes creative innovation. The non-partisan requirement ensures stories remain open-minded, allowing audiences to form their own interpretations.</p> <p>The award includes a main prize of £120,000 and a runner-up development award of £25,000, making it a major global support system for new documentary talent. The programme looks for director-led projects shaped by the filmmaker's unique access, passion, and independence, where contributors' stories unfold naturally. Award funds cannot be paid to an individual, so applicants must present proof of company viability or commit to establishing a limited company or project account if shortlisted. A maximum of six minutes of original teaser footage is required, along with an executive producer already attached.</p> <p>Projects must be suitable for an English-speaking audience, either in English or subtitled. Shortlisted filmmakers must be available to travel to the UK in June for the live pitch, with travel and accommodation covered by The Whickers. The budget for the proposed documentary should not exceed £500,000 unless it is animated, in which case the application must clearly outline necessary expenditures. Projects already supported with more than £350,000 in funding are not eligible.</p> <p>Applications close on 30 January 2026, followed by the announcement of shortlisted projects in late April and live pitching by finalists at Sheffield DocFest in June, where the winner is revealed during the Awards Ceremony.</p> <p>The application includes sections on project details, personal background, synopsis, production budget, existing and planned funding, production company details, and confirmation of compliance with the award's criteria and terms.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>The Film & TV Funding Award is presented annually to an emerging filmmaker from anywhere in the world whose pitch demonstrates the most promise for a director-led documentary. Eligible applicants must be creating their first 50+ minute documentary as director or co-director and should be in late development or early production at the time of applying.</p>
Total Budget: £500,000	
Deadline: 30/01/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.whickerawards.com/apply/film-and-tv/

Call Title:	ECCCH Second Call for Engagement and Collaboration Grant Program
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Programme: European Cloud for Heritage Open Science	
Objective:	The ECCCH Call 2: Engagement and Collaboration invites cultural heritage institutions across Europe to strengthen their digital capacities and become active contributors to the European Collaborative Cloud for Cultural Heritage. The primary objective of this call is to actively encourage cultural heritage institutions (CHIs), in particular small and medium sized ones, to join the ECCCH community.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The goal is to help cultural heritage institutions, research organisations and other professionals of all sizes and types to work with their digital objects in a more visible, interconnected, harmonised and informed way, allowing them to successfully cope with the challenges the digital transition poses to the sector. The ECCCH Call 2 offers cultural heritage institutions a chance to collaborate through a shared digital platform that supports storage, management and sharing of collections using common standards.</p> <p>It provides access to advanced, otherwise unaffordable tools such as AI-based analysis and 3D technologies, enabling virtual exhibitions, reconstructions, and educational applications.</p> <p>The call acknowledges challenges like digitisation, metadata harmonisation, intellectual property issues and staff training and aims to address them through funded activities focused on capacity building and skills development.</p> <p>Designed for CHIs or umbrella networks with broad reach, the call requires clear communication plans and engagement strategies to help institutions integrate the Cloud into daily workflows.</p> <p>Supported activities may include workshops, online lessons, toolkits, surveys, helpdesks, and creative formats like hackathons.</p> <p>Projects will run for 12 to 24 months with required deliverables and reporting, and failure to meet milestones may affect final payments. Overall, the call aims to boost digital readiness, strengthen collaboration, and expand participation in the ECCCH across Europe.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must be non-profit CHIs or networks in EU or Horizon Europe countries and must apply in English. Proposals will be evaluated on relevance, workplan quality, applicant expertise, cost-effectiveness, and geographical balance.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 30/01/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.echoes-eccch.eu/second-call/

Call Title:	First EUP OHAMR Joint Transnational Program
Programme: European Partnership on One Health Antimicrobial Resistance	
Objective:	The first EUP OHAMR joint transnational call for projects invites proposals focused on exploring new treatments to tackle antimicrobial resistance and is supported by 37 funding organisations from 28 countries with a call budget of over 31 million Euro

Eligible Activities:	<p>The focus areas include developing new combination treatments to extend antimicrobial effectiveness, creating tools to improve adherence to treatment protocols, and assessing the impact of veterinary and agricultural antimicrobial use on AMR transmission to humans and the environment. Proposals must consider implications across One Health settings, demonstrate feasibility with clear objectives and timelines, and show the potential health, social and economic impact of results. They should also highlight the value of collaboration, the unique contributions of each partner, and the benefits of transnational cooperation. This call supports research efforts aimed at identifying new therapeutic combinations and approaches that can strengthen drug efficacy and reduce resistance. It also encourages the development of practical tools that can improve adherence to treatment protocols, ensuring that antimicrobials are used effectively and responsibly. Another significant aspect of the call is its emphasis on assessing how antimicrobial use in veterinary and agricultural settings contributes to AMR transmission to humans and the environment, enabling stronger policy actions.</p> <p>Each partner institution will be represented by one (1) Principal Investigator who will be the researcher scientifically responsible for the implementation of tasks assigned.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Participating countries and funding organisations work together to advance scientific collaboration, promote harmonised methodologies, and support research that brings measurable health and societal benefits. This transnational approach allows access to shared resources, innovative technologies and diverse expertise, ensuring that project outcomes are relevant, impactful and scalable.</p>
Total Budget: €31,000,000	
Deadline: 02/02/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ohamr.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/call-2025-new-treatments-to-tackle-amr/

Call Title:	Applications open for Research Catalyst Grant Program (India)
Programme:	School of Cities
Objective:	<p>The School of Cities is seeking applications for its Research Catalyst Grant Program to provide support to collaborative research initiatives through a Call for Proposals.</p> <p>The objectives of this call focus on supporting the sustainability and climate resilience of Indian cities and city-regions by addressing areas such as air quality, water and sanitation, infrastructure and construction, energy, mobility, urban planning, housing, sustainable livelihoods, data-driven sustainability, and waste, while recognizing the diversity of urban India from small towns to large metropolitan regions.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>It aims to generate high-impact research that leads to evidence-based recommendations, joint publications, and strengthened capacity to improve the resilience of Indian cities. It also emphasizes building collaborative partnerships between University of Toronto researchers and Indian academic, research, non-</p>

	<p>profit, or government organizations to jointly develop meaningful research that produces insights and solutions for sustainable urban development.</p> <p>This call invites collaborative proposals from researchers at the University of Toronto and partner organizations in India to design and implement projects that address clearly defined urban sustainability or climate resilience challenges. Funding ranging from INR 9 lakhs to 15 lakhs (approximately CAD \$15,000 and CAD \$25,000) will be awarded to 3 to 5 projects, with grants disbursed in tranches to the Indian partner organization for implementation between April 2026 and March 2027.</p> <p>Funds may support fieldwork, local staffing, travel within India for U of T faculty and Indian partners, capacity-building activities, dissemination, and limited equipment and administrative costs. Expenses incurred outside India, replacement teaching costs, scholarships, tuition fees, and conference attendance are not eligible.</p> <p>All proposals must demonstrate a strong rationale for the research and reflect an equitable partnership between the Indian and U of T Co-Principal Investigators, both of whom must have relevant experience aligned with the problem being addressed.</p> <p>Proposals should outline specific outputs such as publications, interventions, policy briefs, or technological prototypes and must comply with institutional ethics, safety, travel, and financial policies.</p> <p>Projects will be evaluated based on partnership strength, clarity and relevance of the research problem, potential impact, research approach, feasibility of the timeline and budget, and potential for long-term sustainability or scalability. The proposal must follow the prescribed templates and include an initiative overview, background and rationale, methodology or activity plan, outputs and impact, collaborative team description, project sustainability, proposed timeline, and a detailed budget submitted using the official budget sheet. Applications must be submitted as a combined PDF with all required documents and a separate Excel budget file.</p> <p>Successful applicants will be notified by email and must submit progress reports at six and nine months, followed by a final report within two months of project completion.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligible applications must include a U of T Co-Principal Investigator who meets the university's requirements for PI status and an Indian co-Principal Investigator employed by an eligible Indian partner organization.</p> <p>These organizations may include universities, research centres, NGOs, civil society organizations, foundations, or government bodies. A letter of support from the Indian partner organization is required, describing their involvement, desired outcomes, and grant management experience.</p>
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 16/02/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://schoolofcities.utoronto.ca/school-of-cities-india/utif-research-catalyst-grants-2026-27/

Call Title:
International Climate Initiative Large Grants

Programme: International Climate Initiative	
Objective:	The International Climate Initiative (IKI) is a cornerstone of Germany's international efforts to address climate change, support adaptation measures, and conserve biodiversity in developing and emerging countries.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Its primary goal is to help limit global warming to 1.5°C and halt biodiversity loss by promoting transformations toward greenhouse gas-neutral and biodiversity-friendly societies. Recognizing that industrialized nations play a critical role in this process, the IKI provides targeted support to help developing and emerging countries transform their social, economic, and political systems into sustainable, low-emission, and biodiversity-conscious frameworks.</p> <p>At the heart of the IKI's approach is the support for the implementation and advancement of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs). Projects funded by the IKI are designed to accelerate these transformations by mobilizing and catalyzing financial resources from both public and private sectors to ensure a more rapid transition toward sustainable development goals.</p> <p>Through the IKI Large Grants funding instrument, the initiative supports large-scale projects aimed at fostering biodiversity-friendly, low-emission, and sustainable economic structures. The overarching goals include strengthening legal and regulatory frameworks at national and sub-national levels, encouraging governments to increase ambition in climate and biodiversity contributions, and achieving measurable direct and indirect emission reductions. Additionally, the projects aim to support communities affected by climate change, enhance conservation practices for ecosystems including coasts and marine areas, and leverage invested funds to attract further climate and biodiversity financing. Funding for these projects ranges from EUR 12 million to EUR 20 million per project, allowing for substantial and impactful interventions.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligible organizations include non-governmental organizations, universities and research institutions, international intergovernmental organizations and development banks, UN programs and agencies, as well as private companies and trade associations.</p> <p>However, national governments and the highest public administration bodies are generally not eligible to apply, although exceptions may be considered in specific cases. Regional administrative authorities and legally independent state-owned public service companies may be eligible for funding upon individual review.</p> <p>Overall, the IKI Large Grants offer a transformative opportunity for organizations to support ambitious climate and biodiversity initiatives, driving systemic change and sustainable development in partner countries.</p>
Total Budget: €12-20,000,000	
Deadline: 17/02/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/find-funding/large-grants/ilg-call-2025/

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