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New Opportunities

Call Title:	Government of Ireland International Education Scholarships
Programme: The Higher Education Authority	
Objective:	<p>The Higher Education Authority is seeking applications for its International Education Scholarships to support high-calibre international students who wish to study at NFQ levels 9 or 10 (master's, postgraduate diploma or PhD) in Ireland. The programme prioritises academic excellence, strong communication skills, engagement in extracurricular activities such as humanitarian work, politics, arts or sport, and a clear rationale for choosing Ireland that demonstrates alignment between the scholarship and long-term academic and professional goals. Each scholarship provides a €10,000 stipend as a contribution towards living and study-related costs and is awarded through the host higher education institution (HEI). In addition, the host HEI is required to grant a full tuition fee and registration fee waiver for the scholarship year. While the scholarship duration cannot be extended beyond one academic year, institutions may choose to extend the fee waiver for programmes lasting three semesters, though the stipend amount remains unchanged.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>GOI-IES scholarships are awarded to high-calibre international students for one year of full-time, in-person study at NFQ levels 9 or 10, including taught master's degrees, postgraduate diplomas, research master's programmes, or PhD studies, across all disciplines subject to the availability of places. A total of 60 scholarships are expected to be funded for the 2026/27 academic year following an annual competitive call for applications approved by the Higher Education Authority (HEA). Successful scholars are expected to commence their studies in September or October 2026 and must reside in Ireland for the full duration of their studies. An official award ceremony for GOI-IES scholars will take place in spring 2027. Applications are assessed through a multi-stage process beginning with an automated eligibility check, followed by screening by the HEA and shortlisting by relevant HEIs based on institutional strategic objectives. An independent panel of assessors evaluates shortlisted applications using a defined marking scheme that considers academic achievements and work experience, the personal statement, and submitted references. Only applications achieving a minimum score of 60 marks are considered for funding, with final decisions made solely on the basis of submitted materials. Applications must be submitted through the online system, with no amendments permitted after submission. The deadline for applications is 5pm Irish time on 12 March 2026, and results are expected to be released in early June 2026.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>Eligibility is restricted to candidates whose domiciliary of origin is outside the EU/EEA, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom, who have secured a conditional or final offer as international fee-paying students for eligible full-time, in-person programmes at approved Irish HEIs for the 2026/27 academic year. Applicants must not have previously received a GOI-IES award and must not be citizens of Russia or Belarus. Proof of admission must be submitted with the application, and only one application per candidate is permitted.</p>

Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	12/03/2026
More information and official documents:	https://hea.ie/policy/internationalisation/goi-ies/

Call Title:	OPEN RIVERS PROGRAMME
Programme:	OPEN RIVERS PROGRAMME
Objective:	<p>They have different grant categories:</p> <p>Category A</p> <p>Category A1: Barrier identification and prioritisation – Category A1 is designed to support the identification and strategic selection of small dams that could later be removed with a grant (A4) from the programme. If an inventory of barriers doesn't already exist, creating one is a key outcome for this grant. The inventory should include details such as location, height, width, photos, and field verification</p> <p>Category A2: Dam removal – pre-demolition – Category A2 supports the development of essential work needed to prepare for the removal of a small dam, to be later supported by another grant within the programme. This may include activities such as feasibility studies, preparing technical design documents, and securing necessary permissions and permits.</p> <p>Category A3: Dam removal – demolition – Category A3 funds the demolition of a barrier, where no pre-demolition work is required or such work has already been funded by a third party.</p> <p>Category A4: Dam removal – demolition (follow-up on a previous grant) – Category A4 funds the demolition of a barrier where pre-demolition work has already been funded by the programme (A1 and/or A2).</p> <p>Category B</p> <p>Enabling others to remove dams – This grant supports pre-demolition work when funding for the actual dam removal (demolition) is secured from an alternative funder. This grant focuses on supporting the development of essential work required to prepare for the removal of a dam, for example, feasibility studies, preparation of technical design documents, and securing permissions and permits. The completion of the work will result in the dam being removed by a third party.</p>
Eligible Activities:	Actions must take place in Europe and Greater Europe.
Eligible Applicants:	Charitable organisations and not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply for all grant types.
Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	13/03/2026
More information and official documents:	https://openrivers.eu/

Call Title:	UP GRANTS 2026: CULTURE FOR DEMOCRACY
Programme:	ENCC
Objective:	With Up Grants 2026: Culture for Democracy, they want to celebrate socio-culture as a powerful channel for civic participation. Submissions will be collected based on three strands:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Digital ethics and democracy: understanding and navigating the digital transformation together 2. Dialogue in times of polarisation: bridging divides and nurturing dialogue in increasingly polarised societies 3. Participation and cultural resistance: socio-cultural centres as laboratories of civic participation and spaces of cultural resistance in times of social, political, and environmental crisis.
Eligible Activities:	Actions must take place in Europe.
Eligible Applicants:	If your organisation is an ENCC member, you can apply. If your organisation is not an ENCC member, but it is a socio-cultural centre, you can apply too. They define a socio-cultural centre as a non-profit organisation or public body that facilitates citizens' active participation in socio-cultural and artistic activities.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 15/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://encc.eu/articles/up-grants-2026

Call Title:	Biostime Institute for Nutrition and Care Grant Program
Programme:	Biostime Institute for Nutrition and Care
Objective:	The Biostime Institute for Nutrition and Care Grant Program is accepting applications to support innovative studies in maternal and child nutrition and health.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The initiative prioritizes research on infant allergy nutrition strategies, child growth and developmental support, and postbiotic solutions to enhance maternal, infant, and child health across early life stages. They are seeking innovative and impactful preclinical and clinical research proposals in the field of maternal and child nutrition and health.</p> <p>They allocate funding of up to 50,000 euros per project for preclinical research and up to 100,000 euros per project for clinical research.</p> <p>The supported studies are expected to generate outcomes that lead to publication in peer-reviewed journals, enabling the dissemination of findings to the wider scientific community.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	The call is open to research scientists based in universities, hospitals, or leading academic institutions worldwide, with projects aligned to their areas of expertise in mother health and nutrition, child health and nutrition, infant gut health, infant brain development, allergy, and infant immunity.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 15/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.biostime-institute.com/research-funding/call-for-grants

Call Title:	STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE NATURE TOURISM IN CAPE VERDE
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	The general objective of this call for proposals is the following: Strengthen the role of civil society organizations in promoting inclusive, sustainable nature tourism opportunities and with community participation, contributing to the priorities of the Global Gateway, particularly in the field of the blue economy.
Eligible Activities:	The specific objective of this call for proposals is the following: Support organizations civil society in the development of inclusive and sustainable nature tourism initiatives in the areas coastal and marine protected areas, reinforcing their role in participatory management/co-management, preserving the biodiversity and generating income opportunities for young people, women and rural communities and fishing. Actions must take place in Cape Verde.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organisation and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
Total Budget:	€1,300,000
Deadline:	16/03/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185792PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	CALL NO.1 FOR SMALL GRANTS
Programme:	EEA Civil Society Fund
Objective:	EEA Civil Society Fund seeks to create space for strengthening the role of civil society organizations, which play a crucial role in protecting the public interest, holding power to account, and promoting democratic values. It supports their advocacy and watchdog activities, engagement in public policy-making, and expert analysis of legislation, with an emphasis on strategic communication, data-driven work, and increasing the transparency of public administration.
Eligible Activities:	The call also responds to emerging social challenges, particularly the consequences of Russian aggression against Ukraine and the integration of refugees into Slovak society. Supported projects will contribute to equal opportunities, social inclusion, and the building of solidarity between migrants and host communities, while also addressing disinformation and strengthening social cohesion.

	At the same time, the call focuses on supporting independent journalism, fact-checking, and media literacy – helping to foster a resilient society capable of critically engaging with information and safeguarding democratic public discourse. Actions must take place in Slovakia.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are: A non-profit voluntary organisation with a non-commercial purpose, independent of local, regional and central government, public entities, political parties and commercial organisations. Religious institutions and political parties, social partners or profit-distributing cooperatives are not eligible applicants.
Total Budget: €990,000	
Deadline: 31/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://eeagrants.org/en/eea-civil-society-fund-slovakia/calls/vyzva-c-1-pre-male-granty

Call Title:	Advancing Eco-Tourism, Agriculture, and Green Economy in Southern Africa
Programme:	International Union for Conservation of Nature
Objective:	The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is inviting proposals to promote sustainable green economy solutions that generate livelihoods while supporting conservation in selected Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs) across Southern Africa.
Eligible Activities:	<p>This initiative focuses on achieving sustainable economic benefits that support landscape sustainability, strengthening conservation outcomes, developing well-structured value chains and tested business models, promoting sustainable agriculture and fisheries, supporting eco-tourism development, advancing renewable energy solutions, mobilizing innovative financing mechanisms, and implementing inclusive, rights-based measures for communities and Indigenous Peoples.</p> <p>Grants range from EUR 300,000 to EUR 950,000, require at least 10% co-financing, and support projects of 24–36 months that deliver economic and conservation impact in transboundary landscapes.</p> <p>Projects may enhance agricultural productivity using climate-smart practices, develop specialty crops and non-timber forest products, improve market access, and implement post-harvest value addition. Eco-tourism activities include upgrading eco-friendly lodges, nature-based and cultural tourism experiences, and training local entrepreneurs. Community-based conservation enterprises and benefit-sharing mechanisms are encouraged to ensure local ownership and equitable growth.</p> <p>Sustainable energy solutions may include solar-powered systems, energy for businesses, efficient cookstoves, biogas digesters, and community-operated energy projects. Innovative financing options such as payments for ecosystem services, biodiversity and carbon credits, and blended finance are also eligible. Projects should address human-wildlife conflict, strengthen land-use planning, and ensure meaningful community participation with attention to gender equality and environmental safeguards.</p>

	The call supports six TFCAs, including Kavango Zambezi, Great Limpopo, Chimanimani, Kgalagadi, Malawi-Zambia, and ZIMOZA & LOZAMAP, with attention to areas overlapping World Heritage sites like Mana Pools, Okavango Delta, Mosi-oa-Tunya/Victoria Falls, and †Khomani Cultural Landscape.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include SMEs, cooperatives, NGOs, social enterprises, and public or private entities with at least three years of operational experience and partnerships that benefit local communities.
Total Budget: €950,000	
Deadline: 31/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://iucn.org/news/202601/supporting-biodiversity-and-livelihoods-transboundary-world-heritage-sites-africa

Call Title:	McGraw Fellowship: Supporting Investigative and Business Journalism
Programme: Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Center for Business Journalism	
Objective:	The McGraw Fellowship for Business Journalism offers experienced journalists financial and editorial support to produce in-depth enterprise and investigative stories with a strong economic, financial, or business focus.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The fellowship focuses on producing deeply reported investigative and enterprise stories, examining the impact of changes in federal spending and policy priorities, economic inequality, corporate accountability, and other business-related issues across text, audio, and short-form video mediums. It prioritizes applicants with a proven ability to report and execute complex projects and provides editorial guidance, project development support, and assistance in placing stories in established media outlets.</p> <p>The McGraw Fellowship provides grants of up to \$15,000 per project, which can cover reporting expenses and, for freelance journalists, living expenses during the fellowship. It is a remote fellowship, allowing Fellows to work from their own offices while receiving guidance and editorial support from the McGraw Center. Selected stories are published on the McGraw Center website and may also appear in other media outlets.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	The fellowship is open to professional journalists with at least five years of experience, including freelancers, staff reporters, and editors at news organizations or journalism non-profits. Applicants should submit a concise story proposal of no more than three pages, along with three samples of professionally published work and a current resume. Finalists will be asked for references and an estimated budget. The fellowship does not support long-form documentaries at this time.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 13/04/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.mcgrawcenter.org/the-harold-w-mcgraw-jr-business-journalism-fellowships/

Call Title:	CELTIC-NEXT Spring Call for International ICT Research and Innovation Projects
Programme:	Eureka Network
Objective:	The CELTIC-NEXT Spring Call is requesting applications to support innovative international Rand D proposals focused on advancing next-generation communications for a secure, trusted, and sustainable digital society.
Eligible Activities:	<p>The call covers a broad range of ICT-related themes, including next-generation communications, network capacity, photonics, satellite systems, mobility, security, robustness, energy efficiency, 5G and 6G technologies, Internet of Things, smart cities and smart homes, Industry 4.0, logistics, automotive telecommunications, blockchain, fintech, e-health, big data, privacy, identity, public safety, and other related ICT innovation areas aligned with the CELTIC-NEXT Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda.</p> <p>The CELTIC-NEXT Spring Call 2026 is supports research and development projects that contribute to the commercialisation of innovative ICT products, processes, or services. The programme follows a bottom-up approach, giving applicants broad freedom to define their research topics and pursue both evolutionary and disruptive innovation without limiting creativity or ambition.</p> <p>Eligible projects must involve international cooperation, focus on civilian applications, and aim at commercial outcomes. Each consortium must include at least two independent legal entities from a minimum of two Eureka countries, and no single organisation or country may account for more than 70 percent of the total project budget. Participating countries include Austria, Belgium (Wallonia), Canada, the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and Türkiye.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants are encouraged to form international consortia involving industry, SMEs, research and technology organisations, and academic institutions. Project development is supported through an online Launch Event and a Brokerage Day held in Vienna, which facilitate partner matching and collaboration across borders. Participation in the call may provide access to national public funding, depending on the eligibility rules of the participating countries. Applicants are therefore advised to consult their respective national public authorities for detailed information on funding conditions and availability.
Total Budget:	€Not Available
Deadline:	24/04/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.eurekanetwork.org/programmes-and-calls/eureka-clusters/clusters-celtic-next-spring-2026/

Call Title:	TACKLING GENDER STEREOTYPES IN MEDIA AND ADVERTISING
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - CERV
Objective:	Objectives: Supporting, advancing and implementing comprehensive policies to promote women’s full enjoyment of rights, gender equality, including work-life

	balance, equal pay between women and men, women’s empowerment and gender mainstreaming.
Eligible Activities:	With this priority of the call, we intend to support projects that will challenge gender stereotypes and address conscious or unconscious gender bias, paying attention to explicit or implicit expectations with regard to roles, behaviours, activities and attributes that society generally considers appropriate for women or for men, girls or boys, with a specific focus on how to effectively tackle gender stereotypes in media and advertising. Actions must take place in EU member states plus others.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is limited to legal entities (public or private bodies).
Total Budget: €5,000,000	
Deadline: 28/04/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CERV-2026-GE-GENDER-STEREO

Call Title:	PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PAY TRANSPARENCY DIRECTIVE
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - CERV
Objective:	Objectives: Supporting, advancing and implementing comprehensive policies to promote women’s full enjoyment of rights, gender equality, including work-life balance, equal pay between women and men, women’s empowerment and gender mainstreaming.
Eligible Activities:	In line with the 2020-2025 Gender Equality Strategy and to contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, the Commission will support Member States and relevant stakeholders in developing and implementing effective strategies to increase the representation and participation of women in decision making in politics and in the corporate sector. To address the remaining challenges to achieving equal participation/representation of women and men in political and economic life, coordinated action is required in a wide range of areas, with fundamental changes, policies, measures and targeted actions that remove both societal and structural obstacles bearing in mind the need to strengthen women’s leadership and participation. Projects should take into account in their objectives and activities women in all their diversity. Actions must take place in EU member states plus others.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is limited to legal entities (public or private bodies).

Total Budget:	€6,000,000
Deadline:	28/04/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CERV-2026-GE-PAY-TRANSP-DIR

Call Title:	SUPPORTING EQUAL PARTICIPATION AND REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN AND MEN IN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - CERV
Objective:	Objectives: Supporting, advancing and implementing comprehensive policies to promote women’s full enjoyment of rights, gender equality, including work-life balance, equal pay between women and men, women’s empowerment and gender mainstreaming.
Eligible Activities:	The aim of this priority is to support social partners and all relevant stakeholders and facilitate compliance with the pay transparency obligations laid down in Directive 2023/970 and promote the respect of equal pay for equal work and work of equal value between women and men. Actions must take place in EU member states plus others.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is limited to legal entities (public or private bodies).
Total Budget:	€5,000,000
Deadline:	28/04/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CERV-2026-GE-EQUAL-PART-REP

Call Title:	SUPPORTING WORK-LIFE BALANCE, EQUAL SHARE OF CARE RESPONSIBILITIES, FAMILY-FRIENDLY POLICIES AMONG EMPLOYERS AND THE VALUE OF CARE SECTOR JOBS
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - CERV
Objective:	Objectives: Supporting, advancing and implementing comprehensive policies to promote women’s full enjoyment of rights, gender equality, including work-life balance, equal pay between women and men, women’s empowerment and gender mainstreaming.
Eligible Activities:	The aim of this priority is to support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion of family-friendly practices among employers in the public and private sectors, encouraging the take up of the new rights under the Work-life Balance Directive by both women and men (including family leaves, new ways of work organisation, telework and hybrid working, flexibility of hours, shorter working week, job sharing ...);

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention and protection against any form of unfavourable treatment and discrimination of women during and after pregnancy as well as of women and men who took family leave (maternity/paternity/parental/carer leave) and flexible work arrangements; • Promotion of equal sharing of informal care work, in particular by encouraging the role of men in informal care work and family responsibilities (for own children and dependents), including by encouraging men to take parental, paternity leave and flexible working arrangements as well as encouraging equal sharing of informal care and housework; • Promotion of the value of formal (paid) care work by reflecting on the appreciation of skills needed for care work, including soft skills, the intensity of the work and other aspects of working conditions in care jobs and encourage the involvement of men in formal care work, both in the childcare and long-term care sectors. <p>Actions must take place in EU member states plus others.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is limited to legal entities (public or private bodies).
Total Budget: €	
Deadline:	28/04/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CERV-2026-GE-WORK-LIFE

Call Title:	SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VALUE CHAINS IN THE FORESTRY – WOOD SECTOR
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	The general objective of this call for proposals is: Contribute to the consolidation of value chains Forest so that they comply with the objectives of sustainable management and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions greenhouse (GHG), adaptation to climate change and conservation of Gabon’s biodiversity.
Eligible Activities:	The specific objective of this call for proposals is: Strengthen Forest value chains, including in supporting the private sector, in order to meet new market requirements and implementation pilot actions aimed at the development of high added value sectors, job creators, taking into account takes into account the objectives of combating climate change and protecting biodiversity. Actions must take place in Gabon.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organisation; and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.

Total Budget:	€4,375,000
Deadline:	30/04/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185510PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	CONTRIBUTION TO GOVERNANCE IN THE FORESTRY-TIMBER SECTOR
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	The general objective of this call for proposals is: Contribute to the consolidation of value chains Forest so that they comply with the objectives of sustainable management, reduction of gas emissions greenhouse effect (GHG), adaptation to climate change and conservation of biodiversity Gabon.
Eligible Activities:	The specific objective of this call for proposals is: The exploitation of natural resources is more equitable, inclusive and transparent through effective participation of civil society. Actions must take place in Gabon.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organisation; and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
Total Budget:	€2,175,000
Deadline:	30/04/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185515PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	SUPPORT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS IN GABON
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	The general objective of this call for proposals is: To contribute to improving sustainable use and integrated marine resources and stimulate inclusive economic growth.
Eligible Activities:	The specific objective of this call for proposals is: Establish an effective system for maintaining long-term natural capital, biodiversity and marine and coastal ecosystem services. Actions must take place in Gabon.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: non-

	governmental organisation; and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
Total Budget:	€2,000,000
Deadline:	30/04/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/185516PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	Einstein Foundation Award
Programme:	Einstein Foundation
Objective:	The Einstein Award for Promoting Quality in Research in cooperation with the QUEST Center for Responsible Research at the Berlin Institute of Health at Charité honors researchers, institutions and early career researchers around the globe whose work helps to fundamentally advance the quality, transparency and reproducibility of science and research.
Eligible Activities:	The award focuses on enhancing transparency, inclusiveness, and integrity in research processes, improving how knowledge is generated, shared, and evaluated, supporting sustainable research practices, and encouraging cultural change driven by innovative methodologies and responsible research conduct. The award is presented in three categories that reflect different levels of contribution to research quality. The Individual Award honors individual researchers or small teams of collaborating researchers whose work advances research integrity and openness, with the laureate receiving €150,000. The Institutional Award recognizes governmental or non-governmental organizations and research institutions that demonstrate a strong commitment to improving research practices, with the selected organization receiving €100,000. Submissions are evaluated by an international, interdisciplinary, and diverse jury of researchers and research quality activists convened by the Einstein Foundation Council, which is responsible for selecting the awardees.
Eligible Applicants:	The Early Career Award is designed for early career researchers or small teams who propose innovative projects aimed at strengthening research quality and value, offering an award of €100,000. Early career researchers play a crucial role in shaping research culture by introducing new perspectives and practices that promote reliability and sustainability in science. Through this award, they are encouraged to develop and showcase initiatives that improve transparency, inclusiveness, and integrity, while gaining both financial support and international visibility.
Total Budget:	€500,000
Deadline:	30/04/2026
More information and official documents:	https://award.einsteinfoundation.de/

Call Title:	DRK Foundation: Empowering Early-Stage Social Impact Organizations
Programme:	Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation
Objective:	<p>The Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation supports early-stage organizations working on innovative, scalable solutions to critical social and environmental challenges affecting underserved communities.</p> <p>DRK focuses on supporting organizations that are problem-first, systems-thinking, scalable, geographically aligned, independent entities, financially sustainable, and able to demonstrate measurable evidence of impact.</p>
Eligible Activities:	<p>DRK Foundation supports its grantees and investees through a combination of capacity, capital, and community. At the core of its model is deep operational and technical support, which includes a dedicated hands-on Board service role and specialist capacity-building resources across leadership and board development, organizational and fundraising capacity building, financial sustainability, and scaling strategy thinking. One of DRK’s senior team members typically takes a board service role for a three-year period, offering guidance and often engaging in weekly conversations to help the organization navigate its path to scale. The broader DRK portfolio support team also provides targeted assistance, such as refining financial models, establishing a talent strategy, or enhancing fundraising capacity, with total in-kind support valued at up to \$500,000 USD.</p> <p>In addition to capacity support, DRK provides up to \$300,000 USD in either unrestricted grant funding or investment capital over a three-year period, typically in multiple tranches. The structure and timing of funding are determined collaboratively with the organization during the closing process. Beyond direct support, DRK fosters community by convening its portfolio and alumni annually, facilitating both in-person and digital connections through small meetings, large gatherings, and a three-day annual portfolio retreat.</p>
Eligible Applicants:	<p>DRK Foundation primarily funds organizations at the early stage, defined as post-pilot and pre-scale, where the program, product, or service is already in use and showing early impact on the intended beneficiaries. Organizations are typically two to five years old, though younger or older entities may also be considered. For for-profit organizations, DRK usually supports Seed to Series A ventures, generally refraining from leading investment rounds or participating in financings exceeding a \$15M USD post-money valuation.</p>
Total Budget:	€500,000
Deadline:	31/12/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.drkfoundation.org/apply-for-funding/what-we-fund/

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