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## New Opportunities

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Nominations open for 2026 Champions of the Earth Award</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The United Nations Development Programme has launched nominations for 2026 Champions of the Earth award, the UN's highest environmental honour, to support leaders working to protect and restore the world's oceans.</p> <p>The key focus areas of the 2026 Champions of the Earth Award include pollution prevention by addressing pollution from source to sea such as wastewater, nutrients, chemicals, and sediments through solutions connecting land, freshwater, coasts, and the ocean; ecosystem protection and restoration by strengthening ocean resilience, safeguarding and restoring coral reefs, mangroves, seagrasses, and other vital habitats while reducing climate risks for coastal communities; sustainable blue economies that support fair and sustainable livelihoods while protecting nature and promoting economic opportunities; and science, data, and cooperation through expanded scientific research, data sharing, financing, and regional partnerships including Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans to enhance collective action.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>For more than two decades, the Champions of the Earth awards have recognised individuals and organisations whose initiatives have significantly influenced environmental policy and practice worldwide. The award highlights pioneering efforts that contribute to addressing global environmental challenges.</p> <p>The ocean covers more than 70 percent of the Earth's surface and plays a critical role in regulating the planet's climate. It absorbs more than 90 percent of the excess heat generated by greenhouse gas emissions and takes in roughly one-third of the carbon dioxide produced by human activities.</p> <p>In addition to its environmental significance, the ocean supports a blue economy valued at more than US\$1.5 trillion and sustains the lives, cultures, and food systems of millions of people around the world.</p> <p>Despite its importance, marine ecosystems face increasing threats. Pollution, habitat loss, sediment runoff, and untreated wastewater are degrading ocean environments and contributing to biodiversity loss. These pressures are also affecting coastal communities that depend on marine resources.</p> <p>Currently, only about 15 percent of the world's coastlines remain ecologically intact. Limited scientific data and fragmented governance systems further complicate efforts to address these issues effectively, making coordinated global action increasingly necessary.</p> <p>Through the 2026 Champions of the Earth awards, UNEP seeks to highlight individuals, governments, and organisations that are leading initiatives to restore ocean health and strengthen environmental resilience.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>The 2026 edition of the award focuses on leaders working at the forefront of ocean protection, recognising that the ocean is an essential ecosystem that supports life on Earth and is increasingly facing environmental stress. The awards aim to acknowledge efforts that deliver practical solutions for restoring marine and coastal ecosystems, reducing climate-related risks, and creating sustainable livelihoods.</p>
<b>Total Budget:</b> €Not available	
<b>Deadline:</b> 15/04/2026	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/ocean-health-focus-nominations-open-uneps-2026-champions-earth-award">https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/ocean-health-focus-nominations-open-uneps-2026-champions-earth-award</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Knowledge Product Development</b>
<b>Programme: Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund is seeking proposals to support the creation of a user-friendly and actionable knowledge product to enhance ecological restoration practices in the Comoros through a participatory and evidence-driven approach.</p> <p>The consultancy will be implemented between 15 April and 31 October 2026, with a maximum funding allocation of USD 40,000 to support all activities, including research, stakeholder engagement, and development of the knowledge product. The consultancy will begin with a comprehensive evaluation of the current state of ecological restoration in the Comoros, focusing on understanding existing knowledge, technical capacity, and how restoration principles are currently applied. It will also examine how knowledge is created and shared, as well as the level of collaboration among stakeholders, including any existing platforms or forums that facilitate exchange. This stage will highlight key gaps, constraints, and bottlenecks that limit the growth and effectiveness of the restoration sector. Building on this assessment, the consultant or firm will identify relevant examples of good practices from within the CEPF grants portfolio across the Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands Hotspot, as well as from other regions. These examples, along with established guidance frameworks, will be reviewed to determine their relevance and potential usefulness in addressing the specific challenges identified in the Comoros.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>A central component of the process will be active engagement with local restoration practitioners and stakeholders. Through a participatory approach, the consultancy will facilitate discussions to evaluate how selected practices and principles can be adapted and applied within the local context. This interaction is intended to ensure that the outcomes are grounded in practical realities and benefit from local knowledge and experience.</p> <p>The consultancy will also involve working closely with the target audience to determine the most suitable format for the knowledge product. Considerations will include accessibility, usability, and cost-effectiveness, with an emphasis on creating an innovative output that can support the design and implementation of restoration projects. The final product may take forms such as online toolkits or other formats that enhance dissemination and practical application.</p> <p>The completed knowledge product will be developed and designed based on all findings and consultations, ensuring that it provides clear, actionable guidance supported by concrete examples. It will be disseminated through the CEPF website and other appropriate channels to maximize reach and impact.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>The key focus areas of this initiative include evaluating the current situation in the Comoros regarding ecological restoration, including expertise, capacity, adherence to restoration principles, knowledge generation and dissemination, and collaboration among practitioners; identifying good practices from CEPF-funded projects and other regional and global sources along with relevant guidance frameworks; assessing the applicability of these practices within the Comoros context through participatory engagement with stakeholders; defining an appropriate and innovative format for the knowledge product tailored to the needs of restoration practitioners and relevant actors; and developing and</p>

	designing the final knowledge product based on gathered information and consultations.
<b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 17/04/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.cepf.net/grants/open-calls-for-proposals/2026-knowledge-product-development-comoros-ecological-restoration">https://www.cepf.net/grants/open-calls-for-proposals/2026-knowledge-product-development-comoros-ecological-restoration</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS, RESPONSE, AND WOMEN-LED ORGANISATIONS IN CONFLICT-AFFECTED AREAS OF SUDAN</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Foreign, Commonwealth &amp; Development Office (FCDO)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) is launching a £19.95 million, 5-year programme (2026 to 2031) to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls and conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) in conflict-affected areas of Sudan.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>This fund will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improve access to safe, quality and survivor centred services, including clinical care and community-based support</li> <li>• support the dignity, recovery and rights of survivors through trauma-informed assistance</li> <li>• expand access to integrated protection and mental health support for conflict-affected communities</li> <li>• reduce risks of violence against women and girls by scaling prevention and safety approaches</li> <li>• strengthen the leadership and long-term influence of Sudanese women-led organisations in humanitarian and peacebuilding efforts</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Sudan.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible international non-governmental organisations (INGOs), Sudanese civil society organisations (CSOs), United Nations agencies, academic institutions and mixed consortia are invited to apply.
<b>Total Budget: £19,950,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 17/04/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding/prevention-of-violence-against-women-and-girls-response-and-women-led-organisations-in-conflict-affected-areas-of-sudan">https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding/prevention-of-violence-against-women-and-girls-response-and-women-led-organisations-in-conflict-affected-areas-of-sudan</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>WOMEN'S PEACE AND HUMANITARIAN FUND FOR ETHIOPIA</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Women's Peace & Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) launched a Call for Proposals in Ethiopia to support civil society organizations to implement projects focusing on peacebuilding and recovery, as well as supporting local women and young

	women's rights organizations through institutional funding. WPHF seeks to fund qualifying local organizations in Ethiopia through the following funding streams:
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Programmatic funding from US\$30,000 to US\$200,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To finance programmatic activities of CSOs aimed at enhancing access of women and girls to local, inclusive, gender-responsive and life-saving humanitarian response and services in conflict and crisis settings; and enhancing protection of women and girls, and the upholding of their rights in crisis and conflict settings.</li> </ul> <p>Institutional funding from US\$2,500 to US\$30,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To reinforce the institutional capacity of women's rights and women-led organizations working on the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Ethiopia to ensure they are able to sustain themselves and to improve their impact.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Ethiopia.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	International, national and local women- led, women's rights, feminist, or civil society organizations with a proven track record working with women and girls, are eligible to apply. International NGOs are only eligible to apply if they are partnering with a national, regional or local women-led organization. Grassroots and local community-based organizations are particularly encouraged to apply. Joint projects are allowed and encouraged.
<b>Total Budget: \$1,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 21/04/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://africa.unwomen.org/en/programme-implementation/2026/03/call-for-proposals-supporting-civil-society-and-local-womenyoung-womens-rights-organizations-in-ethiopia">https://africa.unwomen.org/en/programme-implementation/2026/03/call-for-proposals-supporting-civil-society-and-local-womenyoung-womens-rights-organizations-in-ethiopia</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUSTAINABLE PEERING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Internet Society Foundation</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Internet Society Foundation's Sustainable Peering Infrastructure (SPI) Grant Program aims to support building sustainable, community-led IXPs in places where they are needed; enhance existing IXPs to realize their full potential; and further develop organizations and communities that support peering and interconnection. As part of our 2030 Strategy, the grant program will focus on projects in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Program Objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve Internet performance, reducing dependency on costly international transit, and making connectivity more affordable and reliable</li> <li>Provide support to establish new IXPs and enhance existing IXPs to ensure their long-term sustainability</li> <li>Provide support to strengthen the peering ecosystem that supports improved peering and interconnection</li> </ul>

	Actions can take place worldwide.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria to be considered for a grant: be a legally registered organization in their country with an official bank account in their name that can receive funds from a foundation based in the United States.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	€100,000
<b>Deadline:</b>	23/04/2026
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.isocfoundation.org/grant-programme/sustainable-peering-infrastructure/">https://www.isocfoundation.org/grant-programme/sustainable-peering-infrastructure/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>AFRICA'S BUSINESS HEROES PRIZE</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Jack Ma Foundation</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	Africa's Business Heroes (ABH) is the Jack Ma Foundation's flagship philanthropic program in Africa to support entrepreneurs. Their mission is to showcase and grow local talent who are creating positive impact in their communities and beyond, and inspire a movement of African entrepreneurship.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Over a ten-year period, the program will recognize 100 African entrepreneurs and provide grant funding, training programs, and broader support for the broad African entrepreneurial ecosystem.  In addition to the funding, finalists gain exclusive access to training, mentorship, publicity, and a vibrant network of like-minded African business leaders.  Actions must take place in Africa.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants are African entrepreneurs.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>Deadline:</b>	28/04/2026
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://africabusinessheroes.org/en/">https://africabusinessheroes.org/en/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>CANADA FUND FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES (CFLI) - ASEAN</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Mission of Canada to ASEAN</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The CFLI is a program designed to support small-scale, high-impact projects in developing countries, which align with Global Affairs Canada's thematic priority areas for engagement. The program is directed at projects conceived and designed predominantly by local partners. Projects are selected and approved by the relevant Canadian embassy or high commission.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	The CFLI also serves to support positive bilateral relations between Canada and recipient countries and their civil societies, by deepening contacts and supporting local endeavours.  All projects must align with at least one of the following CFLI thematic priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusive governance;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace and security;</li> <li>• Growth that works for everyone;</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in ASEAN Countries.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible recipients include: (1) Local non-governmental, community and not-for-profit organizations; (2) Local academic institutions working on local projects; (3) International non-governmental organizations working on local development activities; (4) Intergovernmental, multilateral and regional institutions, organizations and agencies working on local development activities; (5) Municipal, regional or national government institutions or agencies of the recipient country working on local projects; (6) Canadian non-governmental and not-for-profit organizations that are working on local development activities.
<b>Total Budget: \$100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 30/04/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/cflifcil/asean-anase.aspx?lang=eng">https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/cflifcil/asean-anase.aspx?lang=eng</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY-CENTERED CONNECTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM</b>	
<b>Programme: Internet Society Foundation</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The Internet Society Foundation’s Community-Centered Connectivity (CCC) Grant Program, a core part of the Internet Society’s work to help communities bridge the digital divide, aims to address these challenges by supporting organizations to develop and expand Internet access and increase adoption in digitally excluded communities.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Community-centered connectivity is when connectivity solutions are built for, with, or by local communities themselves. These solutions are not imposed from outside but instead designed with direct involvement from the people who will use and maintain them. They often emerge in places where other models have failed or are not viable. Through its three funding tracks – Catalyst, Scaling, and Systems – the CCC Grant Program supports organizations of various backgrounds, sizes, and expertise who can offer the best context-specific, community-centered connectivity solutions.  Actions can take place worldwide.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	While applications from any eligible organizations are welcome, a strong preference will be given to those working with refugees/displaced communities, Indigenous communities, and women and girls.
<b>Total Budget: &gt;\$1,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 07/05/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.isocfoundation.org/grant-programme/community-centered-connectivity/">https://www.isocfoundation.org/grant-programme/community-centered-connectivity/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>GRANTS FROM AIRASIA FOUNDATION</b>
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<b>Programme: AIRASIA FOUNDATION</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The primary goal of the program is to empower ASEAN changemakers by providing the resources and network needed to scale innovative, community-driven projects.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The foundation prioritizes initiatives that solve problems within local communities, protect the environment, or create new economic opportunities. Special consideration is given to projects focusing on sustainable travel and climate resilience, though any high-impact project with a clear strategy for measurable change is welcomed.</p> <p>Actions must take place in one of the ASEAN member countries, which include Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, East Timor and Vietnam.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligibility is limited to social enterprises, non-profit organizations, and community groups that are both based in and led by citizens of ASEAN member states. Applicants must have a proven track record of creating positive impact and must be proposing either a new initiative or the expansion of an existing project with a proven concept. The foundation does not provide funding for general operating cash flow, the purchase of land, or the acquisition of buildings.
<b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 10/05/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://airasiafoundation.com/our-work/grant-programme/">https://airasiafoundation.com/our-work/grant-programme/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>GTF Olympiad Grants Empowering STEM Talent Worldwide</b>
<b>Programme: Global Talent Fund</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The GTF Olympiad Grants program supports organizations dedicated to identifying and nurturing high-potential STEM students around the world.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The focus areas include discovering, nurturing, and empowering talented youth, providing grants of up to \$20,000 for small projects and up to \$50,000 for larger initiatives, and supporting interventions that help measure the effectiveness of talent identification and development programs.</p> <p>Through this initiative, they fund a variety of projects that enhance the STEM Olympiad ecosystem. Training camps and courses are a key priority, with past examples including IMO Training Camps in Costa Rica, Mongolia, Pakistan, and South Africa. They also support national and regional Olympiads, such as the Philippines National Math Olympiad and OMCC. Another important area of funding is the establishment of new Olympiads and competitions, including the Ethiopia National Math Olympiad and the East Africa National Math Olympiad. In addition, other projects such as teacher training for the Malaysia National Math Olympiad are eligible for support.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The program welcomes applications from organizations worldwide, specifically targeting high school STEM competitions. They encourage proposals from registered nonprofits or entities operating under a fiscal sponsorship arrangement with a registered nonprofit, though other applicants may be considered on a case-



	by-case basis. By focusing on projects where funding can make a clear and measurable difference, they aim to empower talented youth and strengthen STEM education globally.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	€100,000
<b>Deadline:</b>	15/05/2026
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.globtalent.org/gtf-olympiad-grants">https://www.globtalent.org/gtf-olympiad-grants</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>GRANTS FROM EKHAGA FOUNDATION</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>EKHAGA FOUNDATION</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Ekhaga Foundation (Ekhagastiftelsen) was founded by Gösta Videgård in 1944 and since then has supported research in ecological agriculture and biological medicine. They mainly support the following fields: (1) Better and healthier food: they support research and development based on the principles of organic and biodynamic food production or other methods and orientations that promote this goal. Research should be in line with IFOAMs (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements) principles of organic production; (2) Nutrition and way of life: Ekhaga supports research into the role of the diet in the treatment of diseases and strengthening the body's resistance (i.e. research into which type diet and food the body needs, the impact of different food choices on bodily functions and related nutritional issues); and (3) Complimentary medicine and natural medicines: there are mental and psychological aspects in complementary medicine, and research in this direction can also be supported.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The main focus should be on scientific research and primarily applied research. Basic research in areas such as for example molecular biology and genetic research can be supported if it clarifies causal relationships that can be considered to be of direct value for further research related to foundation's purpose. In addition to funding scientific research, the foundation can, to a lesser extent, grant funding for projects designed to have research findings put into practice, for example, training activities, documentation projects, book projects or conferences. Such applications must contribute to a development in line with the foundation's purpose. The foundation also welcomes applications for planning grants. These can be for organizing seminars/workshops on the issue that the applicant wants to study, in order to get a better basis for a definite application (which can also be directed to other funding bodies) and as part of a dialogue between scientists and the scientific advisory council.</p> <p>The Foundation does not have any defined focus countries. Funding is provided to research projects implemented anywhere across the globe.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Applications from all over the world are welcome (however, for applications from outside Europe or North America applicants need to have a cooperation with a Swedish institution). They do not have any formal requirements that applications can only come from institutions (universities, colleges, research institutions, etc.).

<b>Total Budget:</b>	€1,000,000
<b>Deadline:</b>	20/05/2026
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="http://www.ekhagastiftelsen.se/eng/">http://www.ekhagastiftelsen.se/eng/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>2026 ISTAT FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>ISTAT FOUNDATION</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Foundation supports humanitarian causes that use the power of aviation to help save lives, promote human welfare and alleviate suffering. Their focus is on restoring the basic necessities and improving the well-being of those in need as a result of global disasters and/or afflictions.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>As such, the ISTAT Foundation supports non-governmental, not-for-profit organizations that provide air transportation for patients that have critical needs for medical treatment and cargo for humanitarian purposes.</p> <p>Educational Grants are intended to build and enhance awareness of diverse careers in aviation, inspiring the next generation to consider a future in the aviation industry. Humanitarian Grants are aimed at supporting charitable, nonprofit organizations that leverage aviation to save lives, promote human welfare, and alleviate suffering.</p> <p>Actions can take place in various countries worldwide.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Who qualifies for an Educational Grant? Organizations registered as non-governmental, nonprofit entities and offer aviation-focused programs or projects. Applications are accepted from a variety of organizations, including: Museums, Educational Institutions/Universities, Industry Associations/Student Associations, Youth Organizations.</p> <p>Who qualifies for a Humanitarian Grant? Organizations registered as a charitable, nongovernmental entity focusing on aviation-related humanitarian prevention, relief, and/or recovery efforts for: Natural disasters (drought, floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, etc.); Human-generated disasters (conflict, social, industrial/transport accidents, etc.) or Health-related crises.</p>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	€100,000
<b>Deadline:</b>	29/05/2026
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://foundation.istat.org/Programs/Grants">https://foundation.istat.org/Programs/Grants</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Apply AI: Piloting AI-based image screening in medical centres DIGITAL-2026-AI-PILOTING-10-SCREENING</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Digital Europe Programme</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Expected Outcome:</p> <p>Outcomes and deliverables</p>

	<p>One or more proofs-of-concept of replicable, scalable cloud-based AI/GenAI systems for analysis of medical imaging data in a healthcare setting, with demonstration of the role of the clinicians in validating AI/GenAI findings and reports showcasing seamless integration of the system into clinical workflows. Evidence-based analysis of (cost-)efficiency of the piloted solutions for healthcare systems for regulatory and HTA purposes.</p> <p>Two or more events or workshops organised per year and per project for the European network of AI-powered advanced screening centres. The agenda should include lessons learned from the project activities, as well as other items relevant to the network. Participant satisfaction rates should be measured for the events and workshops.</p> <p>Medical centres in the consortium joined the European network of AI-powered advanced screening centres under the Apply AI Strategy.</p> <p>A plan for obtaining regulatory approval for application of the AI/GenAI solutions in real life scenarios and clinical settings. This includes the required risk management and compliance activities, as well as clinical evaluation plans and post-market clinical follow-up.</p> <p>Detailed data protection and cybersecurity plan, with measures to secure sensitive health data, mitigate cybersecurity risks, and comply with EU legal and ethical frameworks.</p> <p>Sustainability plan for the uptake of the systems across the EU.</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement and dissemination report with measurable actions (KPIs).</p>
<p><b>Eligible Activities:</b></p>	<p>Scope:</p> <p>Each project awarded in this action should implement a scalable cloud-based AI/GenAI system running European trustworthy and safe AI/GenAI algorithms that were developed, trained and validated using very large sets of patient data. They should put in place a secure, privacy-preserving cloud environment required for the health data analysis tasks, with appropriate access and identification tools for authorised use only, and implement the whole system as described under this topic, seamlessly integrated in regular clinical workflows of the care settings involved. Interoperability and the need to communicate with the health IT infrastructure (e.g. the electronic health record (EHR) of the patient, Picture archiving and communication systems (PACS), Radiological Information Systems (RIS), etc.) need to be addressed.</p> <p>The projects should demonstrate the integration and large-scale validation of cloud-based AI/GenAI systems, following a thorough assessment and testing over a large number of patient test cases in real healthcare settings. The proposers are expected to choose the types of health data, the AI/GenAI algorithms that are trustworthy and secure, and the medical use cases, with the focus disease areas being cancer and cardiovascular. The projects should perform technical and clinical validation of the systems, generating evidence on AI systems' performance and usability in different clinical settings. They shall use the AI systems for screening in clinical settings, perform local performance evaluation and post-deployment monitoring of the solutions, including evidence generation on cost-efficiency in view of regulatory requirements and health technology assessment (HTA). Whenever relevant, each project should deploy AI/GenAI solutions already tested and validated within the TEF for Health.</p>

<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants must be: Legal entities established in: EU Member States Countries associated to the Digital Europe Programme
<b>Total Budget:</b>	€9,000,000
<b>Deadline:</b>	01/10/2026
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/DIGITAL-2026-AL-PILOTING-10-SCREENING">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/DIGITAL-2026-AL-PILOTING-10-SCREENING</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Phortify Internship (Traineeship) Grants - Pilot Call PHORTIFY</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>DIGITAL-2024-ADVANCED-DIGITAL-07-KEYCAPACITY</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	PHotonics education netwoRk for nexT-gen Innovation and digital skills excellence For industrY and society
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Under this call, Phortify internships refer to short-term, practice-oriented placements, as foreseen in the Phortify Grant Agreement. They are learning-based activities and do not constitute employment.</p> <p>The Phortify Internship Grants support both students enrolled in Phortify Master's Degree Programmes and students who are not enrolled in a Phortify Master's programme, provided that the internship is Phortify-labelled, aligned with the objectives of the Phortify project, and carried out in accordance with the Phortify Grant Agreement.</p> <p>Participating partners:</p> <p>Activer Fiber Systems (AFS): - <a href="https://www.afs-jena.de/">https://www.afs-jena.de/</a></p> <p>ICFO - The Institute of Photonic Sciences: - <a href="https://www.icfo.eu/">https://www.icfo.eu/</a></p> <p>Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e): - Master of Science in Applied Physics - Master of Science in Electrical Engineering: track (1) Semicon Devices and track (2) Connected World Technologies</p> <p>Warsaw University of Technology (WUT): - Master of Science in Mechatronics - Master of Science In Photonics</p> <p>Friedrich Schiller University (FSU): - Master of Science in Photonics - Master of Science in Quantum Science &amp; Technology</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>The primary eligible applicants are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students enrolled in specific PHORTIFY-linked programmes</li> </ul> <p>You must be formally enrolled in a participating PHORTIFY Master's programme Specifically linked to: Photonics / digital skills programmes within the PHORTIFY network</p> <p>Example pathway: Enrolled in MSc (e.g. at Vrije Universiteit Brussel or Ghent University) Completing PHORTIFY-labelled courses (typically ≥30 ECTS)</p>

<b>Total Budget:</b>	€91,800
<b>Deadline:</b>	03/02/2027
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/12902">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/12902</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Phortify Grants for Master Thesis Project - Pilot Call PHORTIFY</b>
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<b>Programme:</b>	<b>DIGITAL-2024-ADVANCED-DIGITAL-07-KEYCAPACITY</b>
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<b>Objective:</b>	PHOtonics education netwoRk for nexT-gen Innovation and digital skills excellence For industrY and society
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<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Phortify Grants for Master Thesis Projects provide financial support to Master's students undertaking a thesis project that is aligned with the thematic areas and objectives of the Phortify project and carried out in collaboration with an industrial or research partner of the Phortify consortium.</p> <p>Under this pilot call, the grants support the carrying out of Master's thesis projects offered by and implemented in collaboration with SMART Photonics, allowing students to gain hands-on experience in an industrial research and innovation environment while addressing real-world challenges in photonics and related digital technologies.</p> <p>The grants are intended to contribute to costs directly related to the successful completion of the Master's thesis project, including living, mobility, and other study-related expenses incurred during the thesis period, in line with the objectives of the Phortify project.</p> <p>Participating partners: SMART Photonics: <a href="https://smartphotonics.nl/">https://smartphotonics.nl/</a></p>
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<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>The call is targeted exclusively at Master's-level students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students currently enrolled in a Master's programme</li> <li>• Thesis must be ongoing or planned</li> <li>• Field must align with:</li> </ul> <p>Photonics Applied physics / engineering / related digital technologies This is not an institutional grant — it is individual student funding (cascade funding).</p>
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<b>Total Budget:</b>	€6,300
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<b>Deadline:</b>	03/02/2027
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<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/12905">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/12905</a>
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<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Phortify Mobility Grants - Pilot Call PHORTIFY</b>
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<b>Programme:</b>	<b>DIGITAL-2024-ADVANCED-DIGITAL-07-KEYCAPACITY</b>
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<b>Objective:</b>	PHOtonics education netwoRk for nexT-gen Innovation and digital skills excellence For industrY and society
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	<p>Phortify Mobility Grants provide financial support to students and doctoral candidates participating in short-term mobility activities such as workshops, summer schools, conferences, and other events relevant to the thematic areas and objectives of the Phortify project.</p> <p>Supported activities are learning- and training-oriented, contribute to skills development in photonics and related digital technologies, and are implemented under the responsibility of Phortify partner institutions.</p> <p>Participating partners:</p> <p>Ghent University (UGENT):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Master of Science in Photonics Engineering (120 ECTS)</li> </ul> <p>Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Master of Science in Applied Physics (120 ECTS)</li> <li>- Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (120 ECTS): track (1) Semicon Devices and track (2) Connected World Technologies</li> </ul> <p>Warsaw University of Technology (WUT):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Master of Science in Mechatronics (90 ECTS)</li> <li>- Master of Science In Photonics (90 ECTS)</li> </ul> <p>Friedrich Schiller University (FSU):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Master of Science in Photonics (120 ECTS)</li> <li>- Master of Science in Quantum Science &amp; Technology (120 ECTS)</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Primary target applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students (Master’s level)</li> <li>• Early-stage researchers</li> <li>• Professionals in photonics or related fields</li> </ul> <p>The programme is explicitly designed for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals developing advanced digital/photonics skills</li> <li>• Participants linked to Phortify educational pathways</li> </ul>
<b>Total Budget: €18,200</b>	
<b>Deadline: 03/02/2027</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/12904">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/12904</a>

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