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## New Opportunities

| Call Title: <b>CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES FOR A NUTRITION PROGRAM IN ETHIOPIA</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Programme: Embassy of France</b>                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Objective:</b>                                                             | The Embassy of the Netherlands in Ethiopia (EKN) intends to establish funding for a new nutrition program under its Food and Nutrition Security portfolio for the years 2027-2031. For this purpose, the embassy is inviting consortia to submit a concept note.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                                                   | <p>The Program is grounded in the recognition that addressing malnutrition in Ethiopia requires an integrated approach that addresses demand, supply, and enabling environment, including national evidence-generation capacity. The first component focuses on urban and peri-urban dietary transition and healthy food environments. The second component focuses on nutrition-sensitive rural food systems and resilience in vulnerable areas. The third component focuses on strengthening Ethiopia's nutrition science, research, and evidence-generation ecosystem which supports local, indigenous and forward-looking nutrition solutions.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Ethiopia.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                                                   | Eligible entities are amongst others research institutions, universities, private sector actors, multilateral organization, non-governmental organizations, thinktanks and specialized technical agencies may participate as consortium members.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Total Budget: €40,000,000</b>                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Deadline: 03/09/2026</b>                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b>                               | <a href="https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/web/ethiopia/call-for-concept-notes">https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/web/ethiopia/call-for-concept-notes</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

| Call Title: <b>Humanitarian Mine Action 2027–2029</b>     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Programme: Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Objective:</b>                                         | The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland is inviting eligible International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) to apply for project-based funding supporting humanitarian mine action initiatives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                               | <p>The call supports humanitarian mine action projects contributing to stability, peace, security, and sustainable development through mine clearance, mine risk education, victim assistance, stockpile destruction, advocacy, and local capacity building. Funding is available for projects in Ukraine, Syria, Palestine, and for global humanitarian mine action initiatives. Priority will be given to demining projects in Ukraine and Syria, explosive ordnance risk education and victim assistance in Palestine, and global projects that strengthen mine action, victim assistance, or risk education.</p> <p>The Ministry will distribute up to EUR 9 million for the 2027–2029 period, with a maximum of EUR 3 million available annually. The planned maximum allocations are EUR 6 million for Ukraine, EUR 1.5 million for Syria, EUR 1 million for Palestine, and EUR 500,000 for global humanitarian mine action. Grant agreements will cover the period from January 2027 to December 2029, and applicants must provide at least a 10% financial contribution to eligible project costs.</p> <p>Applications will undergo an assessment of eligibility and minimum requirements before qualitative evaluation. Proposals will be assessed based on their relevance to Finland's Humanitarian Mine Action Concept, contribution to Finland's development and foreign policy objectives, results framework, partnership approach, organizational capacity, financial management, risk management, monitoring and evaluation systems, and</p> |

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|                                                 | experience in humanitarian mine action. The Ministry will also consider previous experience with applicants and available appropriations. The application process is expected to take approximately three months.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | Eligible applicants must be politically and administratively independent International Non-Governmental Organizations operating across multiple countries with a diversified international funding base. Applicants must meet the Ministry's minimum eligibility requirements, including legal registration, financial and organizational capacity, previous experience managing development cooperation grants, human rights and risk management policies, and the proposal requirements set out in the call. Applications must include the required supporting documents and be submitted in English through the online application portal. |
| <b>Total Budget: €9,000,000</b>                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Deadline: 04/09/2026</b>                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://um.fi/support-for-international-non-governmental-organizations-ingos-">https://um.fi/support-for-international-non-governmental-organizations-ingos-</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>          | <b>Transforming Whole-Farm Systems through Regenerative Agriculture in Extremadura</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Programme:</b>           | <b>EIT Food</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Objective:</b>           | The EIT Food has launched its applications to support the transition of corn and tomato growers in Extremadura toward regenerative whole-farm agricultural systems that can deliver measurable environmental and agronomic impact at landscape scale.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b> | <p>The initiative focuses on project management and coordination services, training and advisory services, and monitoring, reporting, and verification (MRV) services. The selected consortium or entity will support collaboration across landscape partners and suppliers, provide locally relevant agronomic training and technical assistance for regenerative practices across the corn–tomato rotation, and design and operate a robust MRV system to track environmental, agronomic, and socio-economic outcomes through standardized KPIs and a digital reporting platform.</p> <p>The call seeks a single entity or a complete consortium capable of delivering all three work packages throughout the project period from October 2026 to October 2029. Under project management and coordination, the selected organisation will lead implementation activities, facilitate coordination among local actors and corporate partners, monitor progress against workplans and KPIs, support reporting aligned with EIT Food and corporate requirements, and provide strategic advisory support for transition approaches, incentive design, and engagement with local entities.</p> <p>The total available funding for this co-funded initiative is €820,000 for the full project period, and the maximum funding available per application is €820,000. The award of the call is contingent upon the signing of the collaboration agreement between EIT Food and the corporate co-financing partners.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b> | To be eligible, each implementing participant must be a legally incorporated entity established for at least three years in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe eligible country and must provide a valid PIC number. Applications must be complete, submitted on time using the required template, and written entirely in English. The call is open to MRV providers, agronomic consultancies, training organisations, and related entities, including                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|                                                 | applicants that do not have an existing partnership agreement with EIT Food, with equal opportunity for all eligible participants.                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Total Budget: €820,000</b>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Deadline: 10/09/2026</b>                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://www.eitfood.eu/open-calls/transforming-whole-farm-systems-through-regenerative-agriculture-in-extremadura-spain">https://www.eitfood.eu/open-calls/transforming-whole-farm-systems-through-regenerative-agriculture-in-extremadura-spain</a> |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>          | <b>Temporary Relocation Programme for At-Risk Artists and Cultural Actors</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Programme:</b>           | <b>Die Martin Roth-Initiative</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Objective:</b>           | The Temporary Relocation Programme is designed to support artists and cultural actors at risk so they can continue their artistic and cultural work in a safer environment through cooperation with a host organisation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b> | <p>The programme focuses on supporting artists and cultural actors who are committed to an open society, freedom, peace, democracy, and the rejection of all forms of discrimination, and who face restrictions on their freedom or threats from state or non-state actors because of their work or other circumstances. Applications must be submitted jointly by the artist or cultural actor and a host organisation in Germany. The host organisation is expected to integrate the scholarship holder into its structures and support the continuation of their artistic or cultural activities in a safe environment.</p> <p>The funding includes a monthly scholarship for the scholarship holder, financial resources for artistic and cultural work, individual support such as insurance, psychosocial support, language courses, training and networking activities, financial support for additional personnel directly related to the project, counselling by the Martin Roth-Initiative, further training on topics including security and psychosocial support, networking and exchange opportunities with other host organisations and scholarship holders, and support during the visa process. The scholarship visa does not automatically entitle scholarship holders to take up employment or self-employment in Germany.</p> <p>Eligible applicants are artists and cultural actors who are demonstrably active in artistic or cultural fields and whose work has proven artistic, cultural, or social relevance. They must be committed to the programme's values, face restrictions or threats because of their work or other circumstances, remain active in their country of origin, have left their country of origin only recently after 20 February 2026, or be unsafe in their current location, have no access to a safe abode through dual citizenship, permanent residency, or a national or humanitarian visa, and have sufficient knowledge of English or German.</p> <p>All eligibility criteria must be met. Hobby artists and individuals engaged solely in private artistic activities are not eligible. Citizens of EU member states, EEA countries, Australia, Canada, Israel, New Zealand, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States, as well as previous MRI scholarship recipients except Fast-Track recipients, are excluded from funding. Because of the current circumstances in Gaza, applications cannot be accepted from persons who are in Gaza at the time of application.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b> | Eligible host organisations include non-profit museums, theatres, festivals, cultural collectives, socially relevant organisations, and non-governmental organisations. The organisation must be a legal entity, such as a registered association or non-profit GmbH, must not pursue economic interests through the project, and must be able to provide documents required for a non-profit audit, including registration and financial records. They                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|                                                 | should have experience with public funding or be prepared to comply with the requirements of the Federal Budget Code and must be capable of organising and administering the residency and addressing digital and physical security issues. |
| <b>Total Budget: €Not Available</b>             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Deadline: 11/09/2026</b>                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://www.martin-roth-initiative.de/en/application-programme-line-1">https://www.martin-roth-initiative.de/en/application-programme-line-1</a>                                                                                   |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>                              | <b>Apply now for Stanley 1913 Creators Fund 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Programme: Stanley</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Objective:</b>                               | The Stanley 1913 Creators Fund provides grants to support social entrepreneurs developing innovative solutions that address important social and environmental challenges.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                     | <p>The programme focuses on humanity, sustainability, possibility, climate change, food security, housing security, equity and justice, supporting social entrepreneurs, advancing nonprofit organisations, fostering innovation, community leadership, inclusion, and partnerships that amplify social impact.</p> <p>The Stanley 1913 Creators Fund offers grants of up to USD 50,000 to emerging Creators, Builders, and Inventors whose work brings positive change to the communities they serve. The programme supports leaders who are creating innovative solutions while inspiring optimism for a better future.</p> <p>The fund is designed to support a wide range of causes and encourages community-led solutions to local and global challenges. It recognises that those working directly within communities are best positioned to understand and address the issues they face. Eligible organisations must align with the objectives and values of the Stanley 1913 Creators Fund, including its commitment to inclusion. Applicants must have been operating for less than 10 years, have an annual operating income between USD 200,000 and USD 2,000,000, and demonstrate a willingness to partner with the Stanley 1913 brand and other stakeholders to share the organisation's work and achievements.</p> <p>Applications should include information about the nonprofit organisation, details of the affiliated leader, and a description explaining how the organisation aligns with the fund's objectives, the cause it addresses, the qualities that demonstrate the applicant as an emerging Creator, and the activities that would be supported through the grant.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | <p>The programme supports social entrepreneurs and the nonprofit organisations they are affiliated with. Eligible leaders should be actively engaged in their communities, have developed innovative approaches to urgent challenges, and be willing to collaborate with communities, individuals, and brands to expand their impact.</p> <p>For organisations based in the United States, applicants must operate as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organisation or work with a fiscal sponsor that holds 501(c)(3) status. Organisations based outside the United States must provide documentation showing their legal nonprofit or charitable status in their respective country.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://www.stanley1913.com/pages/stanley-1913-creators-fund">https://www.stanley1913.com/pages/stanley-1913-creators-fund</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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| <b>Call Title:</b>                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Return on Investment for Internships, Apprenticeships, and Development Programs</b> |
| <b>Programme: Water Research Foundation</b>     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                        |
| <b>Objective:</b>                               | The Water Research Foundation (WRF) is inviting proposals for the Return on Investment for Internships, Apprenticeships, and Development Programs (RFP 5414) to support research that helps water utilities evaluate and strengthen workforce development investments. The project aims to quantify the return on investment of internships, apprenticeships, and development programs, assess their effectiveness in supporting critical and high-turnover roles, and develop a business case framework and decision-support tools for utilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                        |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                     | <p>Proposed research should examine workforce development models, partnership structures, and ROI frameworks, include case studies from water utilities, evaluate workforce outcomes such as retention and internal advancement, and produce practical guidance for assessing and communicating the value of workforce development investments. Expected deliverables include a research report, literature review, guidance manual, and knowledge-sharing outputs such as webcasts or conference presentations, with additional deliverables such as journal articles, workshops, case studies, or technology tools encouraged where appropriate.</p> <p>Applicants may request up to USD 250,000 in WRF funding. In addition, applicants must contribute resources equivalent to at least 33% of the requested project award through eligible cost sharing, applicant in-kind, or third-party in-kind contributions. The anticipated project duration is 24 months from the contract start date.</p> <p>Proposals will be evaluated on their understanding of the problem and responsiveness to the RFP, technical and scientific merit, qualifications and management capability, communication plan and proposed deliverables, and budget and schedule. WRF encourages participation from water utilities and other organizations through direct involvement or in-kind contributions. Projects must adhere to the agreed schedule, and under WRF's No-Cost Extension Policy, the project period cannot be extended by more than nine months beyond the original contracted schedule.</p> |                                                                                        |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | Proposals are open to both U.S.-based and non-U.S.-based entities, including educational institutions, research organizations, government agencies, consultants, and other for-profit organizations. Researchers who are late on ongoing WRF-sponsored studies without approved no-cost extensions are not eligible to participate. Proposals must follow WRF's Guidelines for Research Priority Program Proposals, including all technical, financial, administrative, and technology deliverable requirements where applicable, and must be submitted exclusively through the WRF Portal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                        |
| <b>Total Budget: \$250,000 per application</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                        |
| <b>Deadline: 14/09/2026</b>                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                        |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://portal.waterrf.org/outbound-grant-details/3349">https://portal.waterrf.org/outbound-grant-details/3349</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                        |

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| <b>Call Title:</b> |  | <b>Developing Camera-Based AI Algorithms to Monitor Water Quality at Water and Wastewater Utilities</b> |
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| <b>Programme: Water Research Foundation</b>     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Objective:</b>                               | The Water Research Foundation (WRF) is inviting proposals for Developing Camera-Based AI Algorithms to Monitor Water Quality at Water and Wastewater Utilities (RFP 5417) to support research on scalable and cost-effective AI-powered monitoring systems for water utilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                     | <p>The project aims to develop and validate a practical framework for deploying camera-based AI systems for operational monitoring in drinking water and wastewater utilities. The research will identify high-value monitoring applications, evaluate camera technologies and technical requirements, develop and test computer vision AI algorithms, validate camera observations against conventional operational measurements, assess the transferability of AI models across utilities, and develop implementation pathways for practical adoption. Proposed research should include literature and technology reviews, multi-site field demonstrations, algorithm development and performance evaluation, and a utility-focused implementation framework. Expected deliverables include a research report, utility guidance framework, open-access publication or knowledge-sharing activities, and technology deliverables such as open-source data, AI algorithms, websites, or interactive tools.</p> <p>Applicants may request up to USD 300,000 in WRF funding and must contribute additional resources equivalent to at least 33% of the requested project award through eligible cost sharing or in-kind contributions. The anticipated project duration is 24 to 30 months from the contract start date.</p> <p>Proposals will be evaluated based on their understanding of the problem and responsiveness to the RFP, technical and scientific merit, qualifications and management capability, communication plan and proposed deliverables, and budget and schedule. WRF encourages participation from water utilities and other organizations through direct involvement or in-kind contributions. Projects must follow the agreed schedule, and under WRF's No-Cost Extension Policy, the project period cannot be extended by more than nine months beyond the original contracted schedule.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | Proposals are open to both U.S.-based and non-U.S.-based entities, including educational institutions, research organizations, government agencies, consultants, and other for-profit organizations. Researchers who are late on ongoing WRF-sponsored studies without approved no-cost extensions are not eligible to participate. Proposals must comply with WRF's Guidelines for Research Priority Program Proposals and the Technology Deliverables Guidance where applicable, and must be submitted exclusively through the WRF Portal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://portal.waterrf.org/outbound-grant-details/3352">https://portal.waterrf.org/outbound-grant-details/3352</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>                                          | <b>SOUTH AFRICA PROGRAM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Programme: Margaret McNamara Education Grants (MMEG)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Objective:</b>                                           | Margaret McNamara Education Grants (formerly known as MMMF) is a nonprofit, public charity founded in 1981 that awards education grants to exceptional women from developing countries who are at least 25 years old and enrolled at universities in the United States, Canada, France, and South Africa, and select universities in Latin America and the Caribbean. |

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| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                     | <p>It has been working to empower women by supporting their education so that they can build a better world. They are very proud to present our numbers. Grantees have focused on diverse fields of study, including engineering, information technologies, health, science, education, social studies, and law.</p> <p>Actions must take place in South Africa.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | <p>Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria: be a self-identifying woman, and at least 25 years old at time of application deadline; be a national of Latin America; not be related to a World Bank Group, International Monetary Fund, or Inter-American Development Bank staff member, spouse, retiree, or MMEG Board member.</p>                   |
| <b>Total Budget: \$100,000</b>                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Deadline: 14/09/2026</b>                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://www.mmeg.org/apply">https://www.mmeg.org/apply</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>          | <b>STOCKHOLM WATER PRIZE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Programme:</b>           | <b>Stockholm International Water Institute</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Objective:</b>           | <p>The Stockholm Water Prize recognizes women, men and organizations who have made outstanding contributions to the sustainable use and protection of the world's water resources. Since its inception in 1991, the prize has been selected by the Stockholm Water Prize Nominating Committee from a pool of professionals nominated by their peers.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b> | <p>They welcome nominations from all parts of the world and strongly encourage the nomination of female candidates. Stockholm Water Prize Laureates have also represented a broad range of water-related activities, professions and scientific disciplines from all over the world.</p> <p>Anyone can submit a nomination for the Stockholm Water Prize, however self-nominations or nominations by persons with direct professional or family ties to the candidate are not permitted. The initial nomination begins by submitting the name of the nominee along with a brief (500 words max.) statement of accomplishment. The Stockholm Water Prize Nominating Committee carefully reviews all submissions and creates a short list of candidates. The nominators of short listed candidates are requested to provide further supporting information regarding their nominee.</p> <p>Actions can take place across the globe.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b> | <p>Nominations are welcome from all parts of the world and strongly encourage the nomination of female candidates. A candidate for the Stockholm Water Prize shall have attained outstanding achievements of lasting significance for sustainable use and protection of the world's water resources. The results achieved by the candidate shall have proven impact or great potential and provide stimulation for further important contributions to the conservation and protection of water resources and to improved health and well-being of the planet's inhabitants and ecosystems.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>Total Budget:</b>                            | <b>€150,000</b>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Deadline:</b>                                | <b>15/09/2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://www.kva.se/en/prizes/stockholm-water-prize/nominate-to-stockholm-water-prize/">https://www.kva.se/en/prizes/stockholm-water-prize/nominate-to-stockholm-water-prize/</a> |

| <b>Call Title: GRANTS FROM WAVESTONE FOUNDATION</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Programme: WAVESTONE FOUNDATION</b>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Objective:</b>                                   | The Wavestone Foundation, formerly the Solucom Foundation, was founded in 2009 by Michel Dancoisne and Pascal Imbert with a view to harnessing the success of the consultancy firm they founded in 1990 for the benefit of a humanitarian cause. They decided to focus the Foundation's work on disadvantaged children, a cause they feel strongly about despite being far removed from their business field. The mission of the Foundation is to work in France and internationally on supporting and developing initiatives to help disadvantaged children, particularly those in situations of poverty or extreme deprivation.                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                         | <p>The 2026/27 Call for Projects aims to support initiatives and development programmes designed to sustainably improve the health and well-being of children displaced as a result of political crises, conflicts, and climate- or environmentally-related shocks. Particular attention will be given to children aged 0-11 years (migrant, refugee or internally displaced children) and their families. This age group has been identified as a key target because it represents a crucial phase of child development, during which disruptions caused by displacement can have significant consequences on education, health, safety and identity formation.</p> <p>Projects must combat severe child malnutrition, particularly in fragile countries (mainly Africa, America, Asia).</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                         | Applicants must be based in France or in a country where Wavestone has an office: Belgium, the United States, Hong Kong, Singapore, Luxembourg, Morocco, the United Kingdom and Switzerland.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Deadline: 15/09/2026</b>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b>     | <a href="https://www.fondation-wavestone.com/en/your-project/">https://www.fondation-wavestone.com/en/your-project/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

| <b>Call Title: Young Inventors Prize for Sustainable Solutions</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Programme: European Patent Office</b>                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Objective:</b>                                                  | <p>The Young Inventors Prize 2027 is now accepting nominations from young innovators worldwide who are developing technological solutions to address global sustainability challenges aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The prize focuses on sustainability innovation, clean technologies, social innovation, climate solutions, healthcare innovation, environmental protection, engineering, scientific research, entrepreneurship, and technology-driven solutions that create positive social and environmental impact.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                                        | Organised by the European Patent Office (EPO), the competition recognises outstanding young inventors whose publicly available initiatives demonstrate originality, technological                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|                                                 | <p>innovation, and the potential to address pressing global challenges. Up to 10 "Tomorrow Shapers" will be selected by an independent jury. Among them, three winners will receive the special awards of World Builders, Community Healers, and Nature Guardians. An additional People's Choice Award will be determined through a combination of public voting and jury evaluation.</p> <p>Each of the ten selected Tomorrow Shapers will receive €5,000 and a certificate. Winners of the three special categories will receive an additional €15,000, a trophy, and a winner's certificate, bringing their total prize to €20,000 each. The recipient of the People's Choice Award will receive an additional €5,000. Selected innovators will also receive international recognition through the Young Inventors Prize website, EPO communication channels, media outreach, newsletters, and promotional campaigns. Travel and accommodation costs for attending the award ceremony, where applicable, will be covered by the organisers.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | <p>The competition is open to individuals or teams worldwide whose members will be 30 years of age or younger at the time of the award ceremony. There are no nationality restrictions, and self-nominations are accepted alongside nominations from intellectual property professionals and members of the public. Eligible initiatives must already be publicly available or published and should clearly demonstrate how they address one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals through a technological solution. Nominations must include supporting documentation such as granted patents, utility models, scientific publications, business plans, videos, documentaries, or relevant web articles.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Deadline: 30/11/2026</b>                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/young-inventors-prize/nominations">https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/young-inventors-prize/nominations</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>          | <b>School Leadership Research Grants for African Education Researchers</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Programme:</b>           | <b>African Centre for School Leadership</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Objective:</b>           | <p>The ACSL Cohort II Grant Program is requesting applications to strengthen school leadership and improves learning outcomes through the African Centre for School Leadership (ACSL) in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation.</p> <p>The grants support rigorous, action-oriented research that addresses Africa's school leadership challenges, contributes to national and continental education priorities, and encourages collaboration with policymakers, practitioners, school leaders, and implementing institutions so that evidence can inform policy, strengthen practice, and improve education systems.</p>                                                                                                       |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b> | <p>Applications are open for Descriptive Action Research and Comparative Action Research focused on school leadership practice in one or multiple African countries. Successful researchers will also join the School Leadership Community of Learning and participate in the Blended Exchange and Learning Trajectory (BELT).</p> <p>The Descriptive Action Research Grants provide up to USD 15,000 each for research conducted within a single educational context over 12 months. The Comparative Action Research Grants provide up to USD 35,000 each for research conducted across two or more educational contexts over 24 months. A total of 23 researchers across the continent will be supported through these grants.</p> |

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|                                                 | Proposals must include multidisciplinary research teams of three to five members and adopt an action-research approach that demonstrates meaningful collaboration with practitioners and policymakers. Cross-country collaborations and proposals addressing gender equality, disability inclusion, rural and underserved communities, and other marginalised groups are strongly encouraged. Researchers from all African countries are eligible to apply. |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | To be eligible, applicants must be citizens of an African country, be based in Africa, and ensure that the research focuses on school leadership practice in one or multiple African countries. The Principal Investigator must hold a Doctorate in Education, Educational Leadership, Educational Management, or a closely related field earned within the past five years.                                                                                |
| <b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Deadline: 30/09/2026</b>                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://africancentreforschoolleadership.org/call-for-applications-for-acsl-cohort-ii-grants/">https://africancentreforschoolleadership.org/call-for-applications-for-acsl-cohort-ii-grants/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>          | <b>ARMENIAN GRANTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Programme:</b>           | <b>Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Foundation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Objective:</b>           | This quarter is dedicated to healthcare for strengthening the systems that underpin quality care in Armenia. The most critical gaps in the field lie in service quality, institutional capacity, and the consistency of governance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b> | <p>Sustainable improvement depends on building strong foundations through effective policies, robust regulatory frameworks, and a well-trained local workforce.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System Reform, Governance &amp; Policy Development: Support initiatives that strengthen governance in the health sector, improve regulatory frameworks, and contribute to evidence-based policymaking. Projects may include designing guidelines, improving standards, enhancing oversight mechanisms, or creating sustainable processes within government agencies and public institutions.</li> <li>• Capacity Building of Health Professionals &amp; Institutions: Focus on strengthening the competencies of Armenia's health workforce and institutions, and regional health departments. This may include training programs, curriculum development, quality improvement initiatives, and long-term skill-building efforts that enhance service quality nationwide.</li> <li>• Quality of Care Improvements Through Integrated Models: Support initiatives that improve the patient experience and overall quality of care by reinforcing existing systems. This may include integrated care pathways, improved coordination between institutions, data-informed quality improvement, or the introduction of models that enhance continuity, safety, and effectiveness of care.</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Armenia.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b> | Organizations must have at least three years of documented program outcomes. Registered charitable organizations, including IRS-designated 501(c)(3) entities in the U.S. and state-registered nonprofits, foundations, and other charities in Armenia.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <b>Total Budget:</b>                            | €280,000                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Deadline:</b>                                | 30/09/2026                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://hovnanianfoundation.org/en/armenia-grants/general-grants">https://hovnanianfoundation.org/en/armenia-grants/general-grants</a> |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>                              | <b>YOUNG EYE SURGEONS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE (YIS) GRANT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Programme:</b>                               | <b>ASCRS Foundation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Objective:</b>                               | The Young Eye Surgeons International Service (YIS) Grant was created to inspire young eye surgeons to become involved with global eye care on a long-term basis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                     | <p>The grant affords the opportunity to participate in health care systems, including teaching institutions and community programs, in developing countries. Working with the ASCRS Foundation and its international partners, recipients get to develop a customized international volunteer plan that provides the opportunity for a young eye surgeon to learn first-hand the intricacies behind global eyecare efforts.</p> <p>Actions can take place worldwide.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | Grant Requirements include: Maintain active ASCRS membership; Present project plans and experience at two ASCRS Annual Meetings; Quarterly project status updates; Complete international travel within 18 months.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Total Budget:</b>                            | €100,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Deadline:</b>                                | 01/10/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://www.ascrs.org/foundation/grants-and-awards/yisg">https://www.ascrs.org/foundation/grants-and-awards/yisg</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>          | <b>ELDP MAJOR DOCUMENTATION PROJECTS (MDP)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Programme:</b>           | <b>Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Objective:</b>           | Major Documentation Projects could involve a number of elements, including fieldwork, salary costs of researchers and stipend costs of graduate students (while engaged in the field and in processing work) whose doctoral research will contribute to the project as a whole. You may request support for between 6 and 36 months.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b> | <p>ELDP especially welcomes applications from documenters from language communities, local scholars and students from the country where the language is spoken/signed, as well as collaborative projects. Applicants for large MDPs must have a proven track record in language documentation and linguistic analysis and have demonstrated the skills to manage such a project. The panel will expect to see evidence of positive outcomes of previous grants, including accessible archived data and previous research.</p> <p>Actions can take place worldwide.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b> | ELDP welcomes applications from researchers of any nationality to undertake projects in any part of the world. Applicants should be researchers with qualifications in linguistics and experience in linguistic fieldwork (including suitably qualified graduate students). Projects may be undertaken by teams or individuals. MDP applications from established principal investigators are welcome.                                                                                                                                                                 |



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| <b>Total Budget: €300,000 per project</b>       |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Deadline: 01/10/2026</b>                     |                                                                                                   |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://www.eldp.net/en/our+grants/apply/">https://www.eldp.net/en/our+grants/apply/</a> |

| <b>Call Title: ASEAN Science Technology and Innovation Fund 2026</b>            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Programme: ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation (COSTI)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Objective:</b>                                                               | Applications are open for the ASEAN Science, Technology and Innovation Fund (ASTIF) Call 2026, launched by the ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation (COSTI) to support collaborative research and innovation projects on Artificial Intelligence (AI) across ASEAN Member States under the theme “ASEAN Grand Challenge: AI-Enabled Competitive and Resilient Region.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                                                     | <p>The program supports research and innovation activities focused on four priority areas: AI for Health, Bioeconomy and Food Security; AI for Space, Earth, Ocean and Climate Intelligence; AI for Advanced Materials and Energy Transition; and AI for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Productivity and Workforce Development. Proposals must identify a regional problem and demonstrate relevance across multiple ASEAN Member States.</p> <p>The ASTIF Call 2026 provides a total budget of USD 1,200,000. Eligible activities include collaborative research or development of AI models, tools or solutions, technology demonstrations or proof-of-concept activities, and development or enhancement of shared infrastructure and data systems for AI research and development. Eligible costs may include research equipment, materials, supplies, consultant and expert fees, meetings, workshops, administrative costs, eligible personnel costs, and other direct research-related expenses. Personnel costs and stipends must not exceed 30% of the total project budget on average. Funding cannot be used for non-eligible expenses such as conference participation for presenting papers, office rental, supporting office equipment, or other excluded costs listed in the guidelines.</p> <p>Projects must have a maximum duration of 24 months. Required documents include the completed ASTIF Call 2026 Proposal Template, a formal institutional submission letter, and additional legal registration or endorsement documents depending on the selected funding track.</p> <p>Proposals will be reviewed by a Project Appraisal Group (PAG) based on relevance to the call theme, priority categories and APASTI objectives, clarity of the regional problem, regional collaboration and impact, cross-sectoral and cross-Sub-Committee collaboration, technical and financial soundness, contributions from ASEAN Member States and partners, deliverables and sustainability. Applicants may be requested to respond to reviewer queries or clarify their proposals before final selection. Selected projects will follow grant agreement requirements, including reporting and dissemination obligations.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                                                     | Eligible applicants must be legally registered entities based in an ASEAN Member State, with individual applicants not eligible. Applicants may apply through the Open Competitive Call Track, which is open to higher education institutions, public research organisations, government agencies, non-profit organisations, private sector companies, startups and other legally registered organisations engaged in science, technology and innovation activities, or through the COSTI Sub-Committee Track for eligible national focal point entities. Project teams must include members from at least two ASEAN Member States, and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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|                                                 | proposals must be submitted through the National COSTI Focal Point of the ASEAN Member State serving as the project lead. |
| <b>Total Budget: \$1,200,000</b>                |                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Deadline: 16/10/2026</b>                     |                                                                                                                           |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://astnet.asean.org/astif/">https://astnet.asean.org/astif/</a>                                             |

| <b>Call Title: Resource Assessment for Deep Geothermal Reservoirs</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Programme: European Commission (EC)</b>                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Objective:</b>                                                     | The European Commission is inviting applications to support projects that improve the assessment of deep geothermal resources for sustainable renewable energy development.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b>                                           | <p>The programme focuses on deep sedimentary and basement reservoirs, geothermal resource assessment, advanced exploration methods and technologies, predictive models, enhanced geothermal systems (EGS), closed-loop geothermal systems, drilling success, sustainable geothermal energy, environmental and socio-economic sustainability, risk reduction, community engagement, social sciences and humanities integration, and inclusive research approaches.</p> <p>Deep sedimentary and basement reservoirs often have low permeability, high drilling costs, and limited available data because they have traditionally received little attention during hydrocarbon exploration. The programme supports projects that improve the understanding of these reservoirs and help identify suitable locations for geothermal resource development.</p> <p>Projects are expected to develop advanced methods, technologies, and conceptual models for different geological settings. These approaches should address the challenge of limited data while making better use of available information to assess geothermal resources located at depths between 2,000 and 6,000 metres. The proposals should also contribute to evaluating environmental and social impacts associated with geothermal development. The supported projects should improve knowledge of reservoir conditions and parameters such as in-situ stress, temperature, geomechanical behaviour, and chemical properties. Where relevant, proposals should also examine stimulation techniques, well design, completion technologies, opportunities for the co-production of raw materials, and wellbore stability to improve geothermal resource performance.</p> <p>Proposals are expected to validate the benefits of their proposed solutions using current decision-making and risk analysis methods to demonstrate their effectiveness.</p> <p>Projects should promote early, continuous, and inclusive engagement with citizens and local communities. This engagement should consider technical aspects that may affect local communities and ecosystems, including biodiversity, water balance, pollution, land use, visual impact, noise, seismicity, and underground changes such as impacts on non-targeted aquifers.</p> <p>The programme also requires the effective involvement of social sciences and humanities experts and institutions to strengthen the societal impact of the proposed research activities.</p> <p>The total funding available under this topic is €18,000,000, with an indicative funding amount of around €4,500,000 per project.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                                           | Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including organisations from non-associated third countries and international organisations, may participate provided they                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|                                                 | meet the conditions set out in the Horizon Europe Regulation and the specific requirements of the call.                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Total Budget: €18,000,000</b>                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Deadline: 01/12/2026</b>                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3-06">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3-06</a> |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>          | <b>Data Sharing to Support AI Development in the Energy Sector</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Programme:</b>           | <b>European Commission (EC)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Objective:</b>           | The European Commission is requesting grant applications to support projects that develop secure and innovative data-sharing approaches to advance artificial intelligence foundation models for the energy sector.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b> | <p>The programme focuses on AI foundation models, large-scale energy data sharing, privacy and security, digitalisation of the energy system, grid observability, energy supply and demand forecasting, energy storage, renewable integration, demand-side flexibility, energy efficiency, interoperability, FAIR data principles, open-source AI development, secure data exchange, ethical AI, transparency, explainability, and accountability.</p> <p>Projects are expected to develop effective and innovative methods for collecting, sharing, and using large datasets for training AI models in energy applications while ensuring privacy and security. The aim is to support the digitalisation of the energy system through advanced AI foundation models.</p> <p>The supported projects should improve energy system capabilities, including grid monitoring, forecasting, storage solutions, renewable energy integration, demand flexibility, and energy efficiency. They should also strengthen cooperation, knowledge sharing, and interoperability among energy sector stakeholders for secure and seamless data exchange. Projects are expected to focus on developing, training, and testing AI foundation models using extensive datasets that support the energy transition. Proposals should demonstrate access to large and relevant datasets at the time of application and develop innovative data governance strategies for effective data sharing among energy actors.</p> <p>Projects should explore secure and transparent data-sharing approaches, including data space connectors, federated model training, synthetic data creation, and other innovative strategies. The developed data governance methods should remain scalable and operational beyond the end of the project.</p> <p>The AI foundation models developed should address one or more energy sector applications, including electricity grid planning and operation, static power flow modelling, dynamic electromagnetic transient modelling, forecasting, congestion management, anomaly detection, fault diagnosis, predictive maintenance, flexibility management, demand-side energy efficiency, smart charging, and bidirectional electric vehicle charging. Projects should carry out detailed testing and validation of AI foundation models through laboratory demonstrations and real-life pilots. These activities may build on facilities from previously funded AI testing and experimentation facilities and may also consider regulatory sandboxes for pilot implementation.</p> <p>The projects should involve a broad range of stakeholders, including data owners such as energy utilities, grid operators, and asset owners, application developers such as startups, SMEs, and hyperscalers, as well as model users including industry, grid operators, and equipment manufacturers.</p> |

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|                                                 | <p>Projects may use the computing capacity of AI factories announced by the European Commission, particularly those focused on developing AI applications for the energy sector, to support the scaling of AI model training and development.</p> <p>AI models should follow ethical, safety, and security principles, with transparency, explainability, and accountability included in the development process. Open-source practices should be followed where possible, and efforts should be made to prevent bias by ensuring that data represents diverse populations.</p> <p>The total funding available under this topic is €30,000,000, with an indicative funding amount of around €10,000,000 per project.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including entities from non-associated third countries and international organisations, may participate provided that the conditions set out in the Horizon Europe Regulation and the specific requirements of the call are met.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Total Budget: €30,000,000</b>                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Deadline: 01/12/2026</b>                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3-23">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3-23</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <b>Call Title:</b>          | <b>Bavarian Scholarship Program for Graduates</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Programme:</b>           | <b>University of Regensburg</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Objective:</b>           | The Bavarian Scholarship Program is designed to support postgraduate studies, PhDs, and one-year research stays at state or state-funded higher education institutions in Bavaria.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Eligible Activities:</b> | <p>The program promotes academic exchange and scientific cooperation between Bavaria and Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe and supports complete postgraduate studies, doctorates, and one-year research stays as part of a PhD in the home country at Bavarian state universities, state-recognized universities under church sponsorship, and art or music universities.</p> <p>The funding amount is €992 per month, totaling €11,904 per year. Scholarship holders with at least one child receive €1,152 per month, totaling €13,824 per year, and may also apply for a family allowance of €160 per month. The scholarship is generally awarded for one year and may be extended twice by one additional year each time, for a maximum of three years, provided the degree or PhD has not yet been completed.</p> <p>They must not be able to finance their study or research stay in Bavaria through their own funds or third-party funding, must have German and/or English language skills appropriate for the planned study or research project, usually at C1 level, and must demonstrate well above-average academic performance at their home university. Enrollment at the chosen Bavarian university is required during the scholarship period, although it is not necessary at the time of application.</p> <p>The scholarship supports complete postgraduate studies or doctorates in Bavaria and one-year research stays that form part of a doctorate in the home country. It does not support exchange years in Bavaria that are part of a Master's program at the home university or fee-based continuing education programs for experienced professionals. The chosen course of study must mainly take place in Bavaria and require a change of residence to Bavaria for the duration of the program.</p> |

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| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>                     | The scholarship is open to graduates from Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, and Ukraine. Applicants must hold citizenship of one of these countries, have permanent residence in their home country at the time of application, and be under 30 years of age for Master's applicants or under 35 years of age for PhD applicants on 1 October 2027. |
| <b>Total Budget:</b>                            | €100,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Deadline:</b>                                | 01/12/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>More information and official documents:</b> | <a href="https://www.uni-regensburg.de/en/bayhost/funding-and-scholarships/coming-to-bavaria/study-in-bavaria">https://www.uni-regensburg.de/en/bayhost/funding-and-scholarships/coming-to-bavaria/study-in-bavaria</a>                                                                                                                                                                           |

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