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New Opportunities

Call Title: Applications Open for Rainforest Trust Program	
Programme: Rainforest Trust	
Objective:	Rainforest Trust is inviting applications from non-profit organizations, Indigenous Peoples, and communities seeking funding to create or expand protected or conserved areas in tropical and subtropical regions. The program offers two main types of grants: Feasibility Awards, which help assess the potential for creating or expanding protected or conserved areas by addressing information gaps such as legal pathways or field surveys, and Protected or Conserved Area Creation Awards, which support the actual establishment or expansion of such areas through designation, land titling, purchase, or other recognized conservation methodologies.
Eligible Activities:	Eligible projects must focus on the creation or expansion of protected or conserved areas that are currently unprotected, with a primary aim to protect globally significant populations of Critically Endangered and Endangered species, large areas of high integrity tropical or subtropical forests, or habitats critical for climate change mitigation. Applicants must be legally registered non-government organizations authorized to operate in the project country, and projects must demonstrate support from relevant governments, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities, including proper Free Prior and Informed Consent where applicable. Feasibility Awards average \$10,000, with exceptional cases above \$20,000, while Protected or Conserved Area Creation Awards have no set maximum and may exceed \$250,000, with applications for larger awards assessed individually. Applications for Feasibility Awards and Creation Awards under \$250,000 are accepted on a rolling basis, while applications for Creation Awards of \$250,000 and above are due by March 1, July 1, or October 1 each year. Concept notes are required as the first step and are reviewed within 1-2 months; successful applicants are then invited to submit a full application. Projects focused on fixed rate overheads, long-term ecological monitoring, or large-scale habitat restoration are not eligible for funding.
Eligible Applicants:	Applications from non-profit organizations, Indigenous Peoples, and communities seeking funding to create or expand protected or conserved areas in tropical and subtropical regions.
Total Budget: €10,000 and €250,000	
Deadline: 01/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.rainforesttrust.org/get-involved/apply-for-funding/

Call Title: GLOBAL CHANGE AWARD 2027	
Programme: H&M Foundation	
Objective:	The Global Change Award was initiated 2015 by non-profit H&M Foundation, to catalyse early stage innovations that can accelerate the shift from a linear to a planet positive fashion industry. The aim is to protect the planet and our living conditions. Neither H&M Foundation nor H&M Group take any equity or intellectual property rights in the innovations. The H&M Foundation's overall aim is to accelerate the progress needed to reach the UN Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.
Eligible Activities:	At the early stage, the idea has not yet been proven. It can still be only a drawing on a piece of paper. This stage is very critical and where many start-ups fail, due to lack of funding, market knowledge or perhaps because the team isn't right. They are certain there are a vast number of great ideas out there but access to capital, know-how and support is scarce and many great ideas never get to see the light of day. The H&M Foundation wants to find these

	ideas and give them the support needed to make a difference. It is at this earliest stage where the non-profit H&M Foundation can provide the much-needed resources, access and skills and thereby make the biggest difference. Actions can take place worldwide.
Eligible Applicants:	Innovation knows no national borders and they believe these early stage ideas can come from anyone, anywhere. Therefore, to reach as many great minds as possible the challenge is open to any individual and groups of up to four people over 18 years of age anywhere in the world. It is also open for institutions, organisations and social businesses, as well as for joint ventures, consortiums and other types of partnerships.
Total Budget: €1,000,000	
Deadline: 02/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://hmfoundation.com/gca/

Call Title:	DUTCH HUMAN RIGHTS FUND 2026 – SECOND ROUND
Programme:	Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Budapest
Objective:	The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Budapest has opened a second call for applications for the Human Rights Fund 2026. As the first round took place before the Hungarian elections, this second round provides an opportunity to take into account the changed political and institutional context and emerging needs of civil society. The Human Rights Fund (HRF) is an instrument of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands to support civil society activities aimed at achieving tangible and sustainable improvements in the field of human rights.
Eligible Activities:	The HRF is meant to support activities in line with the relevant priorities of the Dutch human rights policy: • Supporting human rights defenders; • Equal rights for LGBTIQ+ persons; • Freedom of expression, internet freedom and independent journalism; • Equal rights for women and girls; Actions must take place in Hungary.
Eligible Applicants:	The applying organization must have operations in Hungary.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 04/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/web/hungary/w/call-for-proposals-dutch-human-rights-fund-2026-second-round-1

Call Title:	STRUCTURED DIALOGUE WITH PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF POVERTY
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Programme: European Commission (EC) - ESF+	
Objective:	The primary aim of this action is to create the conditions for a sustained dialogue between policymakers and individuals with lived experience of poverty, ensuring that those directly affected by poverty and/or social exclusion have a real and influential voice in the decisions that shape their lives.
Eligible Activities:	A core objective is to empower participants by providing them with the tools, confidence, and platforms needed to engage effectively in discussions on challenges related to combating poverty and social inclusion. This will come together with building trust and breaking down barriers between institutions and marginalised communities. The action will create a more inclusive and respectful exchange, where power imbalances are acknowledged and mitigated giving participants a clearer understanding of how policies are formed. Finally, the action will champion intersectionality: efforts will be made to amplify the voices of the most marginalised groups, ensuring that policies account for the diverse and overlapping challenges they face. By doing so, the initiative aims to create more equitable and inclusive solutions; ones that reflect the complexities of poverty and social exclusion. Actions must take place in EU member states plus associated countries.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is limited to legal entities (public or private bodies).
Total Budget: €900,000	
Deadline: 29/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ESF-2027-PEP-ENGAGEMENT

Call Title:	Invisible Life Grant Programme
Programme: Journalismfund Europe	
Objective:	The Invisible Life Grant Programme supports cross-border teams of professional journalists and news outlets investigating farm animal welfare and related European interests. The Invisible Life Grant Programme was established to address the lack of investigative reporting on the welfare and living conditions of farmed animals, particularly in intensive livestock and commercial fish farming, and to foster greater transparency and public debate on food and sustainability issues in Europe and beyond.
Eligible Activities:	This programme supports cross-border teams of professional journalists and news outlets who collaborate to investigate issues related to farm animal welfare and European interests, with the aim of raising awareness, increasing transparency, and promoting well-informed public debate. Supported investigations must result in publication in at least two media outlets based in different countries, with at least one outlet being European and targeting European audiences. Applications should focus on the welfare and living conditions of farmed animals, including chickens, pigs, cattle, and farmed fish, and may also address related topics such as supply chain regulation, transparency, economic pressures on producers, alternative production models, trade flows, and the links between animal welfare, public health, and sustainability.

	Investigations into numerically significant but underreported species, such as broiler chickens, laying hens, farmed fish, and pigs, are especially encouraged. Financial assistance provided under this programme may cover costs related to working time, logistics, insurance, legal support, and access to technology and data sets. In addition to funding, teams can receive support from a mentor. The total available amount per call to be distributed among all supported investigations is €150,000, with a total budget for 2026 of €300,000.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are freelance journalists and media outlets forming cross-border teams, with members legally residing in at least two different countries. Proposals must include a hypothesis, proposed methodology, and a detailed budget, and must result in publication in at least two media outlets in different countries, one of which must be European.
Total Budget: €300,000	
Deadline: 29/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.journalismfund.eu/invisible-life-grant-programme

Call Title:	Hinrich Foundation Trade Research Grant Program
Programme: Hinrich Foundation	
Objective:	The Hinrich Foundation is now accepting applications to support researchers and research organizations for projects that advance understanding of global trade issues and support policy development.
Eligible Activities:	The Hinrich Foundation is an independent Asia-based philanthropic organization dedicated to advancing mutually beneficial and sustainable global trade through research and policy engagement. Its international trade research program aims to deepen understanding of global trade issues and inform policy development by supporting rigorous research projects across a range of trade-related sectors. Priority areas for research include trade governance, the geopolitics of trade, foreign direct investment, global supply chain resilience and security, digital trade, innovation and technology, trade and environmental sustainability, trade workforce and education, industrial competitiveness and economic development, natural resources in trade, and trade logistics and services. Funding is negotiable and is typically paid at the point of completion of the project; the Foundation may provide full or partial financial support for successful proposals and reserves the right to publish research products at its discretion.
Eligible Applicants:	Researchers and research organizations from all countries are eligible to apply, and proposals should include the credentials of the researcher(s), a synopsis addressing major trade-related themes and key research questions, the proposed research method, deliverable format, and a timetable for completion.
Total Budget: €Not Available	
Deadline: 31/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.hinrichfoundation.com/about/partnerships/research-proposal

Call Title: TWAS-SISSA-Lincei Research Cooperation Visits Programme	
Programme: The World Academy of Sciences	
Objective:	The TWAS-SISSA-Lincei Research Cooperation Visits Programme offers young scientists from least developed countries the opportunity to undertake three-month collaborative research visits in Italy in fields supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
Eligible Activities:	The programme is designed to support research projects and training internships that align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with particular emphasis on sustainability science. Eligible scientific fields include physics, neuroscience, mathematics, science outreach, non-communicable and viral diseases, biotechnology, oceanography, geophysics, seismology, chemical and pharmaceutical sciences, computer science, geosciences, biomedicine, environmental biology, psychology, humanities, agricultural and animal sciences, genomics, electron microscopy, artificial intelligence, and advanced materials research, among others. The main objectives are to enhance the expertise of promising early-career scientists from least developed countries and to catalyze long-term research collaborations between their home institutions and Italian Centres of Excellence. The programme encourages applications from women scientists and prioritizes projects that contribute to sustainability science and the SDGs. Travel expenses and subsistence costs for a three-month stay in Italy are covered for successful applicants. The duration of each research visit is three months, and visits must be hosted at one of the eligible institutions in Trieste or Udine, Italy. Applications must be submitted in English and include a completed application form, passport copy, CV, statement of scientific interests and future plans, publication list, MSc (or higher) certificate, invitation letter from the host laboratory, and two signed reference letters submitted separately.
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must be nationals of a least developed country, hold an MSc or higher degree, be under the age of 40 at the end of the application year, and hold a research position in a least developed country. Only applications in the specified scientific fields and with a confirmed host supervisor at an eligible institution will be considered. Applicants already in Italy or applying for part-time visits are not eligible.
Total Budget: €Not Available	
Deadline: 31/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-sissa-lincei-research-cooperation-visits-programme

Call Title: EFFE CALL #5	
Programme: European Commission (EC) - CREA	
Objective:	The European Festivals Fund for Emerging Artists – EFFE, an initiative of the European Festivals Association, is a fund that supports collaborations between festivals from different countries. Together, these festivals provide emerging artists with a platform to develop their work and gain visibility on the international stage. EFFE extends an open invitation for festivals to collaborate across borders and establish a network of colleagues centred around the concept of a residency. Through EFFE, festivals join hands to foster the success of emerging artists.

Eligible Activities:	EFFEA's fifth call for festivals to support emerging artists is open from 1 September to 3 November 2026. 50 residencies will be selected involving 50 emerging artists (individuals, groups or collectives) in the seat of around 150 festivals, a leading festival in collaboration with a minimum of two partner festivals each. Leading festivals and artists should have their official address in one of the following eligible countries: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Moldova, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Ukraine. There are two categories of residencies: 1. EFEEA Discovery: Festivals support artists at the early stages of their careers but with a strong potential to break through internationally. 40 grants of 8,000€ will be attributed to this category. 2. EFEEA Springboard: Festivals support artists already established in their own country and ready to develop their careers internationally. 10 grants of 15,000€ will be attributed to this category.
Eligible Applicants:	The partnership must represent at least 3 festivals from 3 eligible countries (1 leading festival and 2 partner festivals).
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 03/11/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/15544

Call Title:	CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATION (CSO) THEMATIC PROGRAMME IN INDONESIA
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	The global objective of this call for proposals is to reinforce the role of civil society organisations (CSOs) as independent actors of good governance and development, enabling them to contribute effectively and inclusively to governance, policy-making and development processes at local and national levels, in support of the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
Eligible Activities:	This call for proposals is divided into two Lots: LOT 1: Just Green Transition LOT 2: Ending Violence and Empowering Women and Girls Actions must take place in Indonesia.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: Civil Society Organisation (CSO) and/or its associations constituted in accordance with the legislation in force in the country concerned and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.

Total Budget: €9,507,000	
Deadline: 03/11/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/187605PROSPECTSEN

Call Title: FORTIS Open Call 2	
Programme: FORTIS	
Objective:	FORTIS Open Call #2 is inviting consortia of SMEs, mid-caps, universities, and research institutions to apply for funding to prototype, test, and scale breakthrough solutions in collaborative robotics, AI-driven automation, and digital twin technologies for industrial and cross-sector applications. The FORTIS project is an EU-funded initiative dedicated to advancing human-robot collaboration by supporting the development and deployment of innovative solutions that enhance efficiency, safety, and productivity in industrial and civilian environments. Building on a holistic, human-centric approach, FORTIS aims to bridge the gap between people and technology, fostering safer workplaces and enriching public services through next-generation HRI (Human-Robot Interaction) technologies.
Eligible Activities:	Open Call #2 seeks to accelerate the adoption of HRI innovations by funding projects that integrate collaborative robotics, AI-driven automation, and digital twin environments. The call is structured around two main topics: deployment of FORTIS solutions in existing industrial pilots (Topic OC#2.1) and technology transfer to new sectors such as agriculture, healthcare, airports, and logistics (Topic OC#2.2). Applicants may address subtopics including task allocation, digital twins, AI watchdogs, ergonomics-aware systems, XR interfaces, and trust-aware localisation for robotics. Selected consortia will receive up to €250,000 per project for Topic OC#2.1 and up to €170,000 per project for Topic OC#2.2, with funding covering up to 100% of eligible costs for non-profit organisations and up to 70% for SMEs and profit organisations. Payments are disbursed in three instalments over a 10-month programme, contingent on successful completion of project milestones and deliverables. The programme offers structured support including technical mentorship, regulatory guidance, and opportunities for real-world validation and industry collaboration. Projects are expected to enter at TRL 4–5 and aim for TRL 7 by completion, demonstrating tangible impact and scalability of FORTIS technologies.
Eligible Applicants:	FORTIS Open Call #2 is inviting consortia of SMEs, mid-caps, universities, and research institutions to apply for funding to prototype, test, and scale breakthrough solutions in collaborative robotics, AI-driven automation, and digital twin technologies for industrial and cross-sector applications.
Total Budget: €500,000	
Deadline: 04/11/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://fortis-project.eu/open-call-2/

Call Title: Request for Applications: CIFAR Global Scholars Program	
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Programme: CIFAR	
Objective:	The CIFAR Global Scholars Program has launched its applications to support early-career researchers with interdisciplinary research opportunities, leadership training and unrestricted research support to accelerate their development as independent principal investigators.
Eligible Activities:	The program brings together junior faculty from around the world to join one of CIFAR's interdisciplinary research programs, fostering collaboration with global research leaders and advancing transformative knowledge across the natural, biomedical, and social sciences, as well as the humanities. The program also expands scholars' professional networks, offering opportunities for mentorship, collaboration, and engagement with leaders in government, industry, business, and civil society. Leadership development is a core pillar of the program, with targeted training provided through the Azrieli Foundation Leadership Development Program. Scholars receive training in team leadership, trainee mentorship, science communication, and science advocacy, and have opportunities to organize events, deliver public talks, and contribute to symposia and publications. Each CIFAR Global Scholar receives \$100,000 CAD in unrestricted research support over two years, which can be used flexibly for research expenses, teaching release, student or postdoc support, conference travel, and more. Additional opportunities for seed funding are available to support high-risk, interdisciplinary collaborations within the CIFAR community. Applicants must hold a PhD (or equivalent) and a full-time independent research position at an institution of higher education or research, with responsibility for leading research and supervising graduate trainees. The position must be secure for the full program term (April 1, 2027 to March 31, 2029).
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must have started their first eligible position post-PhD between July 1, 2022 and December 31, 2026. Research must complement the themes of a recruiting CIFAR program. Applicants must be available for a virtual interview in March 2027, hold a valid passport, be able to travel internationally, and be fluent in English. Postdoctoral fellows are not eligible.
Total Budget: \$100,000 per applicant	
Deadline: 04/11/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://cifar.ca/next-generation/global-scholars/#topskipToContent

Call Title:	CULTURE HELPS SOLIDARITY – SECOND CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR COLLABORATION GRANTS
Programme: European Commission (EC) - CREA	
Objective:	Culture Helps Solidarity supports arts and culture professionals from Ukraine to sustain creativity, resilience, and community connection during and after the war. Running until 2028, the project combines three grant schemes – individual grants, thematic project grants, and collaboration grants – with a rich programme of mentoring, learning, and peer exchange. The project is co-funded through the Creative Europe programme and implemented by the European Cultural Foundation (Amsterdam), an independent foundation fostering European belonging through culture; together with Insha Osvita (Kyiv), a Ukrainian NGO and professional learning community developing educational and cultural programmes; zusa (Berlin), an international NGO fostering collaboration and collective learning for social and cultural change; and the VETERANKA Movement (Kyiv), Ukraine's

	leading community of women veterans advocating for women's rights, leadership, and reintegration.
Eligible Activities:	This open call is the second and final call for proposals for collaboration grants. At least 15 international projects will be awarded. Culture Helps Solidarity will continue to open Calls for thematic project grants and individual care grants also in 2027. Actions must take place in Ukraine and EU member states. The Fund has grants available in two amounts: up to €20,000 for partnerships of two organisations; up to €30,000 for partnerships of three or more
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants should be based in Ukraine or another Creative Europe country (all EU Member States as well as certain non-EU countries) and correspond to one of the following categories: non-profit organisations, public or private bodies. At least one of the applicants must actively work on the integration of displaced people or refugees from Ukraine into new realities and communities through culture, in particular families and children. Applicants should not receive funding from any other Creative Europe scheme for the project(s) they apply with. The collaboration project has to be charitable.
Total Budget: €500,000	
Deadline: 10/11/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls-cs/15523

Call Title:	UNECE PPP and Infrastructure Award 2027
Programme:	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
Objective:	UNECE is inviting applicants to submit public-private partnership and infrastructure projects that demonstrate resilience and support the Sustainable Development Goals for recognition at the 11th International PPP Forum in May 2027.
Eligible Activities:	The UNECE PPP and Infrastructure Award is organized as part of the 11th UNECE International PPP Forum, aiming to showcase exemplary public-private partnership and infrastructure projects that demonstrate resilience and support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The competition highlights projects that strengthen preparedness for and the ability to withstand, respond to, and recover from shocks and stresses, address climate-related, environmental, economic, social, technological and other risks, and ensure the continuity of essential infrastructure and public services. Projects are expected to apply innovative, flexible, and adaptive solutions throughout their life cycle, protect vulnerable people and communities, enhance institutional and community capacities, and support sustainable, inclusive, and resilient development in line with the SDGs. The top-ranking projects will receive a commemoration trophy or plaque and a letter of recognition or certificate from the UNECE secretariat acknowledging their achievement and ranking.
Eligible Applicants:	The award is open to PPP units, government agencies, private sector entities, lenders, NGOs, academia, and international organizations worldwide, inviting submissions of PPP and

	infrastructure projects at various stages of development (design, construction, and operation) that contribute to resilience and sustainable development.
Total Budget: €Not Available	
Deadline: 15/11/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://unece.org/ppp/forum11/award

Call Title: Grants for Innovative Solutions to Poverty and Inequality	
Programme: Fund for Innovation in Development	
Objective:	The Fund for Innovation in Development (FID) offers ongoing grants to organizations and collectives for innovative projects aimed at reducing inequalities and poverty in low- and middle-income countries.
Eligible Activities:	The Fund for Innovation in Development (FID) was established to encourage the emergence of new solutions that address the challenges of inequality and poverty in low- and middle-income countries. FID maintains a continuously open call for proposals, welcoming a wide range of actors and supporting projects at any stage of development or in any sector, provided they are implemented in eligible countries. FID supports projects that demonstrate the potential for sustainable impact, offering tailored funding for activities such as prototyping, piloting, rigorous impact evaluation, initial scaling, or public sector deployment. The program is designed to foster innovation that can lead to significant improvements in the lives of disadvantaged populations. The Fund for Innovation in Development (FID) offers six funding stages, with grants increasing according to the strength of evidence, cost-effectiveness, and potential for scaling an innovation. Funding ranges from €50,000 for preparation grants to €4 million for transition to scale-up. The stages include preparation grants of up to €50,000, pilot grants of up to €200,000, pilot and scale-up positioning grants of up to €1.5 million, transition-to-scale grants ranging from €1.5 million to €4 million, and grants of up to €500,000 for Innovation and Public Policy and for Proof of Impact and Public Policies.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include all types of organizations and collectives, either independently or as part of a consortium. Projects must be located in a country classified as low- or middle-income according to the OECD DAC list, with the exception of Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger. Individual applicants and international organizations are not eligible.
Total Budget: €Multi Million	
Deadline: 31/12/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://fundinnovation.dev/launch-project

Call Title: Call for 30x30 Southeast Asia Ocean Fund	
Programme: Asia Community Foundation	
Objective:	The 30x30 Southeast Asia Ocean Fund provides grants to support inclusive and effective marine conservation initiatives led by or engaging local communities in Southeast Asia.
Eligible Activities:	

Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include NGOs (including international NGOs with in-country offices, though local partners are encouraged to apply directly where feasible), research institutions, and civil society organisations. Individuals, social enterprises, private enterprises, government bodies, and religious organisations are not eligible to apply.
Total Budget:	\$250,000 per application
Deadline:	31/12/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.asiacf.org/30x30Fund/

Call Title:	FASPE Design and Technology Fellowship Program
Programme:	FASPE
Objective:	The FASPE Design and Technology Fellowship Program seeks applications for graduate students and early-career professionals in architecture, engineering, computer science and related fields to study professional ethics and ethical leadership.
Eligible Activities:	The Design and Technology Fellowship brings together a diverse cohort of graduate students and early-career professionals from fields such as architecture, engineering, computer science, design, and related disciplines for a two-week immersive experience in Germany and Poland. The program explores the historical complicity of technologists and designers in enabling and executing Nazi policies, using these examples to prompt reflection on the ethical responsibilities of contemporary professionals. Fellows engage in daily seminars led by specialized faculty, visit key sites of Nazi history, and participate in interdisciplinary discussions alongside Business and Law Fellows, fostering a broader understanding of professional roles in society.
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must be graduate students or early-career professionals (generally with no more than 10 years of professional experience) in architecture, design, computer science, artificial intelligence, engineering, or related fields. Eligible candidates include those currently enrolled in a graduate program, those who have completed an undergraduate degree and are working in a related field, or those who have completed a graduate degree and are working in a related field.
Total Budget:	€Not Available
Deadline:	03/01/2027
More information and official documents:	https://www.faspe-ethics.org/design-technology/

Call Title:	EUROPEAN INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES RAPID-RESPONSE FUND
Programme:	IUCN
Objective:	This project will establish the European Invasive Alien Species Rapid-Response Fund, a three- year initiative which aims to prevent the establishment and therefore future impacts of biological invasions in the EU.
Eligible Activities:	The specific objectives are to:

	• facilitate rapid and cost-effective responses to introductions of alien species that could severely and negatively impact biodiversity and the related ecosystem services, as well as human wellbeing in the EU. • build capacity with actions to increase the capacity of stakeholders on rapid eradication. The project must directly address an early-stage invasion of an alien species (i.e. non-native, either breeding or non-breeding) that has a high risk of spread in the near future resulting in negative impacts to biodiversity and related ecosystem services (i.e. become an invasive alien species). Projects must be implemented in countries of the European Union. The only eligible European Union overseas countries and territories are the Canary Islands, the Azores and Madeira. All other European Union outermost countries and territories are not eligible.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the Lead Partner must: be either a research institution, a Civil Society Organization (CSO1), a Non-governmental Organisation (NGO) or government or government-affiliated entity active on the management of IAS in the EU. Partnerships involving governments or government-affiliated entities will be strongly encouraged.
Total Budget: €1,240,000	
Deadline: 10/02/2027	
More information and official documents:	https://speciesgrants.iucn.org/

Call Title:	InvestEU Equity Supports Funds Advancing Climate, Digital and Social Priorities
Programme:	European Investment Fund (EIF)
Objective:	The InvestEU Equity supports equity investments that address market gaps and strengthen access to risk capital for businesses across the European Union. Focus Areas: Capital Markets Union, Enabling Sectors, Climate and Environmental Solutions, Digital and Cultural and Creative Sectors, and Social Impact. The investments aim to address market gaps and suboptimal investment situations in EU policy priority areas while increasing the availability of risk capital across all stages of company development.
Eligible Activities:	The programme prioritises investments supporting the digital transition, climate action and environmental sustainability, as well as investments that increase European independence in strategic sectors. It also aims to contribute to post-COVID recovery by diversifying financing sources and strengthening the equity base of European SMEs, accelerating the growth of European undertakings, and supporting them in accessing public markets. Another priority is increasing gender balance among venture capital and private equity market operators and promoting women's entrepreneurship. The programme also supports the emergence and consolidation of social enterprises and impact-driven enterprises as they scale up. InvestEU Equity deploys equity investments across five thematic strategies to deepen and develop the market, address horizontal priorities, and attract private investment. The equity instruments support venture capital, private equity and private credit funds.

	The horizontal priorities include female representation, innovation cohesion, IPOs, technology transfer, and business angels. These priorities support women's economic empowerment, a more cohesive innovation ecosystem across the 27 EU countries, access to public equity markets, commercialisation of research, and co-investment with business angels. Under InvestEU Equity, the European Investment Fund (EIF) will provide equity investments and co-investments to or alongside funds operating in venture capital, including business angels, private equity and private credit, including fund-of-funds and cross-over funds.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible funds may pursue generalist, specialised or mixed investment strategies and should target one or more of the thematic or horizontal policy priorities in their objectives. Payment-by-results investment schemes and social impact bonds investment schemes are eligible for the Social Impact initiative. Funds must be based in and invest in EU Member States, Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs), or other participating countries as further specified in the Call documents.
Total Budget: €Not Available	
Deadline: 30/06/2027	
More information and official documents:	https://www.eif.org/equity-products/all/investeu-equity-products

Call Title: GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR GRASS ROOTS AND HUMAN SECURITY PROJECTS (GGP) – NORTH MACEDONIA	
Programme: Embassy of Japan to Macedonia	
Objective:	The Grant Assistance for Grass Roots and Human Security Projects (GGP) was first introduced by the Government of Japan in 1989 in order to meet various socio-economic needs in developing countries. The GGP provides non-refundable financial assistance to NGOs, hospitals, primary schools, and other non-profit associations to help implement their development projects. The availability of GGP funding in each eligible country provides Japanese ODA with a new means of cooperation that has a direct impact on the well-being of grass-roots communities.
Eligible Activities:	Its focus areas in Macedonia include: (1) refurbishment and supply of equipment for primary schools; (2) refurbishment and supply of medical equipment for hospitals (projects for the benefit of women, children or prevention of infectious disease such as AIDS are given priority); (3) supply of equipment for basic skills training courses (e.g. brick making, sewing, candle making machines, etc); (4) agricultural training equipment (e.g. tractors, pumps, sprinklers); (5) women empowerment; (6) public welfare (refurbishment and supply of equipment for facilities for the handicapped, orphans, family planning education, or the construction of community centers); and (7) water supply (facilities and equipment for drilling well pumps etc.). Actions must take place in North Macedonia.
Eligible Applicants:	Any type of non-profit organisation is eligible to be a GGP recipient.

Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: Ongoing	
More information and official documents:	https://www.at.emb-japan.go.jp/mk/en/40_bilateral/020_ggp/021_ggpintroduction.html

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