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Research Funding Opportunities with Deadlines in the First Quarter of 2026
Group 3
31ᵗʰ December 2025

1. NORAD
Deadline: 12 Feb 2026
Focus: Establishment & operation of a Knowledge Centre for Development Cooperation
Indicative Grant Size: NOK 40m (~€3.5m)
Eligibility: NGOs, universities, civil society actors operating in ODA-eligible countries + the groups they represent + groups intended to benefit from planned interventions
Prep: Draft institutional concept note; align with NORAD civil society priorities; secure partner endorsements
URL:https://www.norad.no/en/for-partners/guides-and-tools/calls-for-proposals2/2025/funding-for-the-establishment-and-operation-of-a-knowledge-centre-for-development-cooperation/

2. Global Grants and Opportunities for Africa (GGA) - Jacobs CIFAR Research Fellowship (2026-2029 Cycle)
Deadline: 2 February 2026
Focus: Advancing the learning and development of children and youth worldwide
Indicative Grant Size: CHF 150,000 ($189k)
Eligibility: Early- and mid-career researchers in child/youth development
Prep: Draft interdisciplinary research proposal; highlight African youth context; secure institutional support
URL:https://cifarportal.smapply.io/prog/jacobs_cifar_research_fellowship_program_/

3. SIDA: REFOREST Africa PhD Programme
Deadline: 25 Jan 2026
Focus: Forestry, Climate, Biodiversity
Indicative Grant Size: 20 fully funded PhD scholarships
Eligibility: Candidates from Eastern & Southern Africa
Prep: Prepare transcripts, CV, research proposal; secure supervisor recommendation
URL: https://www2.fundsforngos.org/community-development/call-for-applications-phd-forest-sciences-scholarships-2025/

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5. DANIDA
Deadline: 5 Feb 2026 (Phase 1)
Focus: Development research collaboration (sustainable development, Africa focus)
Indicative Grant Size: Up to DKK 10 million per project
Eligibility: Danish universities + eligible partner institutions
Prep: Build consortium with African partners; draft Phase 1 concept note; confirm institutional support
URL:https://dfcentre.smapply.io/prog/call_for_research_applications_2026/

6. EU Horizon Europe
Deadline: 20 Jan 2026
Focus: Cross-sectoral climate transition research and innovation actions - integrating energy, transport, industry, and social systems
Indicative Grant Size: €8m-€10 million per project
Eligibility: Consortia (EU + partner countries)
Prep: Form EU-Africa consortium; align with Horizon Europe work programme; prepare ethics approvals
URL:https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2026-01

UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply