



UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor - Research Directorate of Research and Publication

Research Funding Opportunities with Deadlines in the First Quarter of 2026

Group 5

8th January 2026

1. Enabel - East Africa (Belgian Development Agency)

Deadline: 27 January 2026 (23:55 Brussels time)

Focus: Circular Economy in the Building Sector in East Africa

Indicative Grant Size: €250-€500k per project (Enabel regional calls)

Eligibility: Organisations in East Africa (including Tanzania); Universities, research centres, NGOs, and consortia

Prep: Identify Tanzanian partners in construction/engineering faculties

URL: <https://www.enabel.be/grants/>

2. CODESRIA

Deadline: 27 Feb 2026

Focus: Meaning-Making Research Initiative (MRI) - General Call

Indicative Grant Size: Up to \$10k (individual); up to \$25k (group)

Eligibility: UDSM staff (African scholars with PhD) eligible; groups 3-5 members encouraged

Prep: Draft 10-page proposal, CVs, institutional support letter; use online submission

URL: https://codesria.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Call-MRI-General-2026_English-Final-OK.pdf

3. BRIDGES - Western Indian Ocean Marine Sciences Association (WIOMSA)

Deadline: 13 Feb 2026 (12:00 CET)

Focus: PhD clusters on marine social-ecological systems, fisheries, biodiversity in WIO region

Indicative Grant Size: €20k

Eligibility: UDSM students eligible (South West Indian Ocean countries)

Prep: Align PhD proposal with BRIDGES challenges; submit via BRIDGES platform

URL: <https://www.bridges-wio.com/phd-clusters/>

4. TWAS/UNESCO - ANSO-CAS-TWAS PhD Scholarship

Deadline: 31 Jan 2026

Focus: Fully funded PhD in China (STEM fields)

Indicative Grant Size: Tuition waiver + stipend (6-7k CNY/month) + travel/visa support

Eligibility: UDSM students eligible (developing countries; MSc required; age ≤35)

Prep: Choose USTC/UCAS; prepare references; apply via university portals

URL: <https://twas.org/opportunity/anso-cas-twasunesco-phd-scholarship>

5. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation - Grand Challenges

Deadline: 22 Jan 2026

Focus: Enhancing HIV & TB diagnosis (adjunct technologies for sample collection/processing)

Indicative Grant Size: \$100k-\$1m depending on scope

Eligibility: Open globally; UDSM staff can apply directly as lead or partner institution

Prep: Form diagnostics consortium; define use case; prepare ethical approvals and implementation plan

URL: <https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/enhancing-hiv-and-tb-diagnosis-adjunct-technologies-sample-collection-and-processing>

6. Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) - Project AI Evidence RFP

Deadline: 9 Mar 2026 (LOI due 12 Jan 2026; full proposals by invitation)

Focus: Rigorous randomized evaluations on how AI impacts poverty, governance, and social outcomes

Indicative Grant Size: Pilot studies up to \$50k.

Eligibility: J-PAL affiliates, invited researchers, postdocs, and PhD students of affiliates; UDSM staff can join if collaborating with J-PAL affiliates or nominated as invited researchers

Prep: Submit Letter of Intent by 12 Jan 2026; secure collaboration with J-PAL affiliate; prepare proposal on AI and poverty/social outcomes

URL: <https://www.povertyactionlab.org/initiative/project-ai-evidence-rfp>

UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply

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