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Dear colleagues

The EDCTP has published calls for proposals to support clinical research on poverty-related diseases, including neglected infectious diseases, and research capacity development in sub-Saharan Africa. The calls represent an investment of more than €80 million.

[EDCTP 2020 calls for proposals](#)

Six EDCTP 2020 calls for proposals have opened on 10 April 2020 with various [deadlines in July and August 2020](#), allowing ample time to prepare proposals.

Ethics and regulatory capacities (CSA2020ERC)

Call budget: €2.5 million

Expected number of grants: 6-8

Open date: 10 April 2020

Deadline: 16 July 2020

This call for proposals aims to support sub-Saharan African countries to establish and/or develop robust national medicines regulatory systems and capacities for ethical review of clinical research and use of medicinal products and technologies in humans, as well as national and international collaboration in compliance with established, internationally acceptable good practices. This scheme targets projects with active involvement of National Ethics Committees (NECs) and/or National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) from countries with both weak and strong ethics and regulatory capacities in SSA.

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EDCTP Regional Networks (CSA2020NoE)

Call budget: €18 million

Expected number of grants: 4

Open date: 10 April 2020

Deadline: 23 July 2020

EDCTP has funded four regional networks, defined geographically as Southern, Eastern, Western, and Central Africa. These were established following a call for proposals in the EDCTP 2015 work plan. The specific objectives of these EDCTP Regional Networks included: strengthening clinical research capacity in order to be able to conduct multi-country clinical trials to ICH-GCP standards; enhancing collaboration and optimising the use of resources and infrastructures within the network; offering training and mentorship aimed at promoting professional development and scientific leadership in clinical trials; strengthening South-

South and North-South collaborations between researchers and institutions; encouraging and promoting networking and dialogue between researchers, communities and policy makers to maximise the impact of clinical research in Africa.

The purpose of this Call for Proposals is to provide continued funding to EDCTP Regional Networks that have demonstrated significant progress towards achieving the pre-defined deliverables set out in the 2015 call

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Capacity development for disease outbreak and epidemic response in sub-Saharan Africa, in collaboration with Africa CDC (CSA2020E)

Call budget: €5 million

Expected number of grants: 7-10 grants

Opening date: 10 April 2020

Deadline: 30 July 2020

This call for proposals aims to establish an African cohort of epidemiologists. Support will be given to institutions in sub-Saharan Africa and Europe that provide master's training in epidemiology and biostatistics, as part of the Africa CDC's framework for public health work force development. Master's courses with practical field research experience are the preferable level of training. They are of relatively short duration and likely to deliver the required number of high-quality staff that is urgently needed in epidemic zones of sub-Saharan Africa.

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Career Development Fellowships in poverty-related diseases and child and adolescent health (TMA2020CDF)

Call budget: €3.75 million

Expected number of grants: 16-25

Open date: 10 April 2020

Deadline: 05 August 2020

The purpose of this call for proposals is to support early- to mid-career researchers ("fellows") by providing them with opportunities to train and develop their clinical research skills. The objectives are 1) to promote retention of postdoctoral researchers and postgraduate medical researchers in the clinical or field research of sub-Saharan Africa; and 2) equip the fellows to establish themselves as independent researchers with ability to establish their own research teams at host institutions in sub-Saharan Africa.

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Innovative approaches to enhance poverty-related diseases research (RIA2020I)

Call budget: €23.4 million

Expected number of grants: 5-15

Open date: 10 April 2020

Deadline: 13 August 2020

This call for proposals aims to fund a number of small- to medium-scale clinical trials and/or clinical research studies that can deliver proof-of-concept or validation of smart, highly innovative technologies or concepts to prevent, treat or diagnose PRDs in sub-Saharan Africa. The call is strictly aimed at supporting novel innovations, and therefore excludes concepts and technologies that have previously been commercialised, rolled out, tested in large trials, or are already in routine use in healthcare settings.

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Strategic actions to maximise the impact of research on reducing disease burden, in collaboration with development cooperation initiatives (RIA2020S)

Call budget: €23.4 million

Expected number of grants: 5-15

Open date: 10 April 2020

Deadline: 13 August 2020

The purpose of this call for proposals is to support distinct strategic actions which are part of a large-scale programme of development cooperation actions. Projects should focus on research to maximise the uptake of products and health interventions in sub-Saharan Africa. This may include actions to: enhance the uptake of research findings or products and interventions; provide evidence to translate findings into policy guidelines and clinical practice; improve implementation, delivery and roll-out of interventions to increase population coverage, acceptability and adherence; improve the monitoring of product safety post-marketing and surveillance; pragmatic clinical trials evaluating interventions under real-world clinical care settings. The projects should be implemented in conjunction with development cooperation initiatives that are supported by national and/or international development cooperation initiatives and/or other funders, including relevant WHO initiatives where appropriate.

[Read more](#)

For ease of reading, the abovementioned calls (**and others**) can also be accessed here:

<https://www.edctp.org/news/emergency-funding-of-covid-19-research-among-edctp-2020-calls-for-proposals/>

EDCTP Work Plan 2020 (PDF)

Kind regards

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