

## The Wellcome Trust | Innovator Awards call for applications

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) focus area(s)



### APPLICATION DEADLINE

**18:00 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

### BACKGROUND

Wellcome is a politically and financially independent global charitable foundation, funded by a [£29.1 billion investment portfolio](#), whose [strategy](#) includes [grant funding](#), [advocacy campaigns](#) and partnerships to find solutions for today's urgent health challenges.

Our founder, [Sir Henry Wellcome](#), was a pharmaceutical entrepreneur. Our [governance](#) is based on an updated version of his will, in which he left us his wealth, his [collection \(opens in a new tab\)](#) of historical medical items, and our mission to improve health through research.

Wellcome supports science to solve the urgent health challenges facing everyone.

We support discovery research into life, health and wellbeing, and we're taking on three worldwide health challenges: **mental health, global heating and infectious diseases**. Through grants like the Innovator Awards.

These awards support researchers who are transforming great ideas into healthcare innovations that could have a significant impact on human health.

Level of funding:

**Up to £500,000, or up to £750,000 for multidisciplinary collaborations**

Duration of funding:

Usually up to 24 months, or up to 36 months for multidisciplinary collaborations

**Please note that if funding is awarded for contract research, a 15% UP recovery is applicable and should be budgeted for by the applicant.**

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Innovator Awards are open to **researchers who are developing healthcare innovations** that could have a **major and measurable impact on human health**.

This round is only open to not-for-profit organisations. Commercial organisations cannot apply to this round.

Organisations can be of any size, but they must be established and/or have working capital. They can be based anywhere in the world (apart from mainland China).

You can work in **any scientific discipline, including a discipline outside life sciences**. You can work on any type of technology. Examples of technologies include:

- therapeutics (small molecules or biologics)
- vaccines
- devices
- diagnostics

- digital technologies
- regenerative medicine.

The work that you propose must be essential for developing your healthcare innovation.

Funded organisations must sign up to our grant conditions (see the template award letters in the 'How to apply' section on the grant [page](#)).

#### Multidisciplinary collaborations and partnerships

We particularly encourage proposals from multidisciplinary collaborations within or between organisations. These collaborations do not need to include life sciences researchers.

In your proposal, you must:

- include researchers from at least two different scientific disciplines
- include at least ONE researcher from a discipline outside those that are standard in collaborations within biomedical and life sciences, such as (but not limited to) engineering, physical science or data science (for example, large data and data mining)
- describe the added value of the collaboration and tell us why the outcome(s) of your work will be unique and only achievable through this approach.

#### HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be completed online through the [Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker](#) (WTGT). The application must be complete and **submitted by 24 May 2021, 18:00**.

Further information on the application and the stages of the application process may be found under 'How to apply' on the grants page. Applicants are advised to read through documents attached herein, and available on the [website](#), prior to applying.

Please send a complete copy with all supporting documents, that you have submitted online to the Faculty Research Office – [natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za](mailto:natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za)

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#### CONTACTS FOR CALL QUERIES

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#### **Funder Contact Details**

For queries relating to the scope and content of your proposal, contact: [innovations@wellcome.org](mailto:innovations@wellcome.org)

For queries about this scheme (eg eligibility or the application process) contact the Wellcome Trust:

Through the '[Send a message](#)' facility or

Telephonically on +44 (0)20 7611 5757