



CALL FOR CLIMATE RESEARCH CATALYST GRANT APPLICATIONS

The University of Ghana Collaborative on Climate Resilience and Sustainability (**UG-CCReS**), in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation, invites applications for Catalyst Grants to support innovative research in climate resilience and sustainability.

UG-CCReS is part of a larger Mastercard Foundation Climate Collaborative which includes University of Ghana, Makerere University (Uganda), University of Cape Town (South Africa), and University of Cambridge (UK).

Overview

The Catalyst Grants aim to generate early-stage data—serving as new knowledge—to inform, expand and deepen current and future research for broader applications and new policy directions.

Selected projects must align with the broad mandate of **UG-CCReS** and be hosted within one of the two **Climate Resilience Research Labs**: **Climate Futures Lab (CFL)** or **Climate Action Research Lab (CARL)**.

Research themes under CFL are:

- (i) Natural and Built Environment
- (ii) Climate Health Resilience
- (iii) Climate Science Research for Climate Resilience

Research themes under CARL are:

- (iv) Multi-level Governance and Policy Capacity
- (v) Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) and Communication

Applications must clearly demonstrate how the proposed study aligns with one or more of the above themes, as well as the broader goals of the Collaborative. Applicants should highlight the potential for scaling up the research in the future and more importantly, how it aligns with the various Sustainable Development Goals. Additionally, applications should specify how the project will contribute to the training and development of graduate students.

Applications are especially encouraged from women, persons with disabilities and individuals from displaced backgrounds.





Key Details

Application Deadline: Friday, May 02, 2025

Funding Amount & Duration:

CFL applications: Two years for budgets up to \$ 30,000

CARL applications: One Year for budgets up to \$15,000

Sponsor: Mastercard Foundation

Who Can Apply?

The Lead Applicant must be a faculty member at the University of Ghana. Co-Applicants and collaborators may be from UG, other universities/institutions within Ghana, other African countries, or globally.

Allowable costs:

Personnel Costs*

Minor Equipment*

Reagents and Consumables

Field Work Costs

Publications and Dissemination

Contingency Costs (5%)

*Should not exceed 20% of the total budget