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The weekend deadline problem: when AI funding really closes

28 of the 112 dated AI funding deadlines open on advance.to fall on a Saturday or Sunday. Here's the pattern, and what to do about it. By advance.to.

25%
of dated deadlines fall on a weekend (28/112)

23
close on Sunday, the busiest closing day

20
weekend closes in the next 30 days (27 in 90)

44%
of deadline notes name no time zone (49/112)

Deadlines by day of the week



Day in the organiser's stated time zone. Rolling (32) and TBC (21) excluded.

What to do

- **Submit by Friday.** Nobody answers the help desk on a Sunday.
- **Check the time zone.** If it isn't stated, ask on a weekday or assume the earliest.
- **AoE = UTC−12.** 23:59 AoE Sunday is 11:59 Monday in the UK.
- **Set a reminder** for the Wednesday before: free on every advance.to listing.

Weekend closes by category

Category	Dated	Weekend
Grants	33	1
Accelerators	9	0
Compute credits	0	0
Fellowships	33	9
Competitions	37	18

Time zone in the deadline note

Zone	Deadlines
AoE	6
UK time	18
US time	26
CET/CEST	6
UTC	1
Other	6
Time, no zone	7
No time stated	42

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