

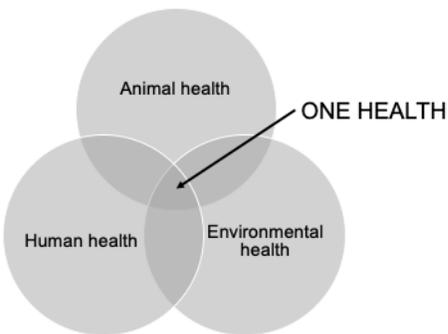
**COLLABORATIVE SPECIALIZATION IN ONE HEALTH  
LETTER OF INTENT**

Thank you for your interest in the Collaborative Specialization in One Health. As part of the admission procedure, we request a Letter of Intent. This letter provides you with an opportunity to illustrate how the Collaborative Specialization in One Health aligns with your primary area of research.

In the letter of intent, you should:

- 1) Briefly describe your interest in One Health and your rationale for completing the collaborative specialization,
- 2) Provide a brief overview of your proposed thesis research, and;
- 3) Clearly illustrate the potential alignment of your thesis research with a One Health Approach. You should explore the relevance of the components of One Health in reference to your research. Please note, this does not specifically mean data collection, as we understand this may not be feasible in the scope of your research. Therefore, we encourage you to consider your thesis broadly and examine how the interconnectedness of health will be explored in one or more aspects of your research (e.g., literature review, data analyses, interpretation and relevance of research).

The letter of intent should be no longer than 500 words (excluding references, if needed).



As a guideline, One Health is defined as both a concept and an approach. As a concept, it speaks to interconnectedness of animal, human and environmental health. As an approach, it involves working together across disciplines to combat complex health challenges that arise at the intersection of human, animal and environmental health<sup>1</sup>. At the University of Guelph, our definition of the environment is comprehensive. Emphasis is placed on the natural environment, but in a complex world, we also recognize

the importance of build environments and those that are socially constructed such as political, financial and social environments.

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<sup>1</sup> Definition adopted by many organizations including the One Health Commission, the One Health Global Network, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the American Veterinary Medical Association.



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LETTER OF INTENT REVIEW CRITERIA**

<b>Letter topic</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Description of interest and / experience</b>	Provides minimal to no evidence of interest or experience in One Health	Describes exposure to One Health concepts and rationale for interest	Shares interest in One Health with discussion of applicability to studies / career	
<b>Overview of proposed thesis</b>	Provides minimal details on thesis	Provides general description of area of research	Outlines thorough description of research	
<b>Alignment of thesis with One Health</b>	<p>Fails to demonstrate relevance to all three components</p> <p>Does not include any indication of how approach will be incorporated in any part of the thesis</p>	<p>Addresses all three components of the triad</p> <p>Includes one area where a One Health approach will be integrated in the thesis</p>	<p>Addresses all three components as well as important intersections</p> <p>Provides several examples of how a One Health approach will be integrated in the thesis</p>	
<b>Overall</b>	Fails to provide justification that they / their thesis is suitable for the program	Illustrates <u>potential</u> for a One Health approach in their thesis	Illustrates clear justification and plan for a One Health approach in their thesis	