

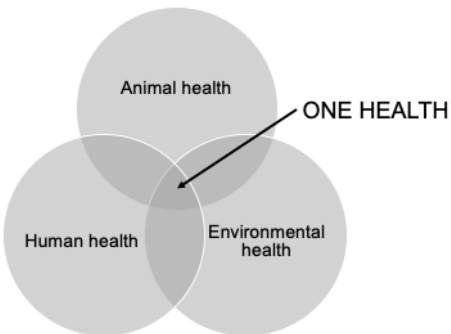
**COLLABORATIVE SPECIALIZATION IN ONE HEALTH
LETTER OF INTENT**

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 One Health in reference to your research. Please note, this does not specifically mean data collection. 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 the interconnectedness of the health of animals, humans and environments. As an approach, it involves working together across disciplines to combat complex health challenges that arise at the intersection of environment, human, and animal health¹. At the University of Guelph, our definition of the environment is comprehensive and includes natural environments, built environments and those that are socially constructed such as political,

financial and social environments.

Please submit your letter of intent via email to the Graduate Program Coordinator, Dr. Katie Clow (kclow@uoguelph.ca) by November 1, 2021.

¹ 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 topic	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Outstanding	Comments
Description of interest and / or experience	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	
Overview of proposed thesis	Provides minimal details on thesis	Provides general description of thesis research	Provides a thorough description of thesis research	
Alignment of thesis with One Health	<p>Fails to describe why One Health is relevant to their thesis</p> <p>Does not include any indication of how a One Health approach will be incorporated in any part of the thesis</p>	<p>Describes in general why the One Health approach is relevant to their thesis</p> <p>Includes one example of how a One Health approach will be integrated in the thesis</p>	<p>Describes specifically why the One Health approach is relevant to their thesis</p> <p>Includes several examples of how a One Health approach will be integrated in the thesis</p>	
Overall	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	