

The global quadripartite (WHO, FAO, WOAH, UNEP) definition of One health



One Health is an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals and ecosystems. It recognizes that the health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, and the wider environment (including ecosystems) are closely linked and inter-dependent.

Seed money to support One Health research proposals

The aim of the call is to support SLU researchers in developing interdisciplinary research proposals within One Health. Such proposals should take a holistic and innovative approach to complex One Health questions of major importance for future sustainable life, where collaboration across scientific disciplines is needed. At SLU, research linking animal health, plant health, human health and environmental health typically fall within the One health definition.

SLU Future One Health will fund activities such as pilot studies, feasibility studies, literature reviews, consortium meetings or consults (illustrators, communicators, mentors) used to improve interdisciplinary research proposals to be submitted to relevant funding bodies (e.g. Formas, VR, Forte, EU Horizon or other).

The application must result in the submission of an interdisciplinary One Health (clearly involving **at least three of the four aspects** animal, plant, human and environmental health) research proposal by the end of 2027. Including the environmental health aspect will be seen as a merit. The submitted research proposal must involve **more than one SLU faculty** and include some salary for SLU staff (preferably at PhD or post doc level).

Who can apply?

The call is open to all SLU researchers

How much can you apply for?

Up to 200 000 SEK per application.

Deadline: 17 March 2026

How do you apply?

Fill out the application form and the SLU budget calculation template.

Email these two documents together with CV (max 2 pages or link to online CV) of all participants to FutureOneHealth@slu.se no later than 17 March 2026.

Conditions

A (confidential) copy of a submitted research proposal (including the SLU registration number), with an SLU researcher as main applicant, and meeting the requirements for this call (at least 2 SLU faculties and 3 out of the 4 One Health aspects) must be submitted to FutureOneHealth@slu.se no later than the end of 2027. Failure to conform with the above conditions will result in mandatory repayment of the funding. The initial activity funded by SLU Future One Health will be presented on our website, in a format approved by the applicant.

Assessment

The proposals will be evaluated by the platform steering group which includes representatives from all SLU faculties. Any conflict of interest within the steering group will be handled according to SLU guidelines.

Both the initial activity for which funding is sought (“activity”) and the conceptual outline of the planned interdisciplinary One Health research proposal (“proposal”) will be assessed. Only applications meeting the formal requirements listed in this call and including a clear description for how the initial activity will benefit the development of the planned research proposal will be evaluated.

Assessment criteria include:

- Feasibility and quality of the initial activity.
- Scientific excellence of the research proposal concept.
- Potential for success of the research proposal.
- How well the research proposal relates to the different One Health aspects included and how clearly the link between the activity and the research proposal’s One Health dimensions is outlined.