

One Health Research Grant Initiative (OHRI)

Call for Applications 2026–2027



1. Overview

The Windward Islands Research and Education Foundation (WINDREF) announces the One Health Research Grant Initiative (OHRI), designed to support interdisciplinary research that advances the health of people, animals, and the environment.

The One Health approach emphasizes collaboration across disciplines and sectors at local, regional, and global levels. This initiative seeks to strengthen sustainable research capacity by promoting:

- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Student engagement
- Impactful research

2. Funding Details

- Number of awards: Up to 10 competitive grants
- Duration: Up to 2 years
- Funding levels:
 - Small grants: up to USD \$5,000 (short-term projects)
 - Full grants: up to USD \$20,000 per year (maximum USD \$40,000)
- Start date: From November 2026
- Contingency: Funding is subject to receipt of external donor support

3. Eligibility

Applications are invited from:

- Researchers affiliated with recognized regional academic institutions
- Principal Investigators (PIs) submitting one application only

Priority will be given to proposals that:

- Demonstrate feasible, well-defined outcomes
- Include interdisciplinary collaboration
- Engage DVM students (e.g., electives, selectives, research programs)
- Show co-funding or existing funding support

4. Eligible Use of Funds

Funds may be used for:

- Equipment and consumables
- Fieldwork and sample collection (including local travel)
- Research-related operational costs

Funds will not normally support:

- Purchase of computers or general IT equipment

Applicants must include:

- Shipping costs
- Customs and clearance fees

5. Application Requirements

Applicants must submit:

- Completed OHRI application form (OHRI\0300)
- Research proposal (max. 5 pages, single-spaced)
- Supporting documentation, including:
 - IRB and/or IACUC approval letters
 - Government clearance (if applicable)
 - Ministry of Health
 - Ministry of Agriculture
 - Ministry of Education
 - Etc.
 - Details, if any, of any previous grants, especially Small Research Grants, etc., and link outcomes from these previous grants such as numbers of DVM students involved in the project, conference presentations, peer-reviewed publications, etc.,
 - Provide evidence, if any, of existing DVM student research involvement in current research projects

Submit all materials electronically to:

Mr. Kareem Coomansingh

kcoomans@sgu.edu

6. Submission Timeline

- Application deadline: 1 November 2026
- Review timeline: ~3 weeks after complete submission
- Resubmissions: Allowed up to 2 times if unsuccessful

7. Review Process

- Applications will be evaluated by the OHRI Review Committee
- Committee members with conflicts of interest:

- Must recuse themselves from discussion and voting

8. Award Administration

Once awarded:

- All procurement requests must be submitted to WINDREF
- All expenditures must be:
 - Fully documented
 - Supported by receipts

Funding is released based on:

- Demonstrated progress toward project objectives and DVM student involvement

WINDREF reserves the right to:

- Suspend funding for insufficient progress
- Withdraw funding if project conditions change

9. Reporting Requirements

Grant recipients must submit:

Annual Requirements

- Written progress report
- Financial report
- 500-word research summary (due annually by November 30)

Final Requirements

- Final report and summary
- Copies of:
 - Publications
 - Conference presentations

All outputs must acknowledge OHRI/WINDREF funding.

10. Dissemination Expectations

Recipients are expected to:

- Present findings at local or international conferences or internal seminars
- Publish in peer-reviewed journals

The OHRI grant is intended to support:

- Pilot data generation
- Future external funding applications

11. Grant Conditions

- Projects must be completed within 2–3 years
- Funding is contingent on external donor support
- WINDREF reserves the right to:
 - Modify or terminate awards if necessary

12. Contact Information

For further details or application materials:

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13. Executive Summary (Quick Reference)

- One Health–focused interdisciplinary research
- Up to 10 grants awarded
- Duration: up to 2 years
- Funding:
 - Up to \$5K (small grants)
 - Up to \$20K/year (max \$40K)
- Must include DVM student participation
- Collaboration strongly encouraged
- IRB/IACUC approval required before submission
- Rolling resubmission allowed (max 2 attempts)