

## ONE HEALTH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

### Call for Applications: 2026 One Health Fellowship Applications

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The Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the **2026 One Health Fellowship Program**. We invite applications from early-career professionals across a wide range of disciplines, including human health, animal health, environmental sciences, socioeconomic, agriculture, nursing, policy, customs, gender and women's empowerment, media, psychosocial health, community development, and other fields related to One Health. We are seeking applicants from the following four countries: **Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda**.

#### The One Health Fellowship Program

The Fellowship is a flagship initiative of the One Health Collaborative (OHC), established by the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University (Massachusetts, USA) in partnership with the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE), and the University of Rwanda (UR), and supported by the Africa One Health University Network (AFROHUN).

The OHC's mission is to: "Train the next generation of leaders through a One Health approach, utilizing systems thinking to equitably improve the health of humans, animals, and the environment through multidisciplinary training, evidence-based research, and implementation science". Through this interdisciplinary framework, the OHC anchors health science research and training around One Health principles and develops global health leaders with strong technical fluency and leadership capacity in One Health.

#### Fellowship Overview

The One Health Fellowship is a highly competitive, fully funded **nine-month leadership and professional development program** designed for early-career One Health professionals from academia and service sectors.

The Fellowship promotes:

- Mutual One Health collaboration and understanding across multiple sectors and countries.
- Advanced One Health leadership and professional skills.
- Sustainable partnerships between Fellows, African One Health institutions and organizations, and U.S.-based partners.

The program builds a network of One Health leaders equipped to minimize public health threats through targeted leadership training, hands-on placements, systems thinking, and collaborative partnerships. Each year, **eight Fellows** are selected to join a growing regional and global One Health network. The Fellowship will begin in **June 2026**.

#### Fellowship Components

The Fellowship includes **four core** components:

1. **One Health Leadership & Advocacy Academy (OHLA)**  
A week-long, in-person training that introduces Fellows to One Health leadership, systems thinking, mentors, and placement organizations.
2. **Four-Week Applied One Health Placement**  
A structured placement outside the Fellow's country of origin, hosted by a One Health institution or organization aligned with the Fellow's professional interests.
3. **Three-Month Fellow-Led Follow-On Project**  
An applied project implemented in the Fellow's home country to translate learning into action.
4. **International Conference Participation**  
Attendance at a global One Health/Public Health conference to expand professional networks and engage with the international One Health community.

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be a citizen and/or current resident of Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, or Uganda.
- Be a recent graduate, early-career professional, or junior faculty member at an academic institution.
- Be fluent in spoken and written English.
- Work in a One Health or public health-related discipline, including (but not limited to) medicine, veterinary medicine, environmental and social sciences, nursing, economics, policy, customs, gender and women's empowerment, media, psychosocial health, education, and community organization.
- Play a key supporting role in addressing health threats in their country or in the region.
- Have at least two years of relevant work experience or be currently employed.

## Benefits of the Fellowship

Fellows will:

- Gain first-hand experience within leading public health and One Health organizations.
- Be placed at a regional One Health institution tailored to their interests.
- Receive mentorship from experienced One Health leaders.
- Collaborate across disciplines and sectors to address complex health challenges.
- Participate in a fully funded program (travel, accommodation, visa fees, and emergency health insurance included).
- Join a prestigious and growing One Health alumni network.
- Develop competencies in leadership, advocacy, systems thinking, management, civic engagement, and professional networking.
- Design and implement a follow-on project that strengthens health resilience in their home country.

## Who Should Apply?

Early career professionals who are actively engaged in strengthening community resilience in the face of public health threats, and who are committed to leadership, collaboration, and systems thinking are strongly encouraged to apply. The One Health Fellowship launches emerging leaders onto impactful career paths by expanding their technical capacity, leadership skills, and regional and global networks.

If you are interested in applying for the One Health Fellowship, please review the eligibility criteria and application guidelines on our [website](#) and download the application form. The deadline to submit completed applications is **April 3, 2026**. Applicants will be notified of their application status by **Monday, April 20, 2026**.

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