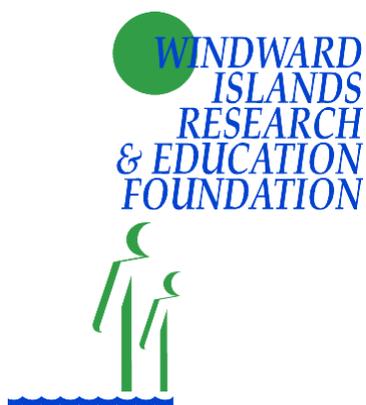


# One Health Research Grant Initiative (OHRI)



## Executive Summary

- Researchers can apply for competitive funding in any field that involves a One Health approach
- Grants will be awarded for projects up to 3 years in length
- Maximum grant will normally be US\$30,000 per year (US\$ 90,000 over three years. In exceptional circumstances this amount could be increased to US\$50,000.)
- Applicants with existing research funding will be an advantage.
- Applications will be received on a rolling basis until the funding for OHRI (\$450,000) has been allocated
- Researchers are strongly encouraged to include students in their research projects
- IRB and/or IACUC approval must be obtained prior to applying for funding
- Application and budget forms can be obtained from: the WINDREF assistant grants coordinator [kcoomans@sgu.edu](mailto:kcoomans@sgu.edu)

## Guidelines for Applicants

The Windward Islands Research and Education Foundation (WINDREF) announces the launch of its One Health Research Grant Initiative (OHRI) which aims to help facilitate the interdisciplinary partnerships on research which has been broadly defined as "*...the collaborative effort of multiple disciplines working locally, regionally, and globally to attain optimal health for people, animals and the environment.*" To address this goal, increased research capacity that follows a One Health approach is needed in the Caribbean. This capacity also needs to be sustainable, and thus, should include students in the research process. WINDREF seeks applications for a One Health Research Grant Initiative (OHRI). Three to five competitive three-year grants, for up to US\$30,000, per annum are immediately available to support original hypothesis driven research in this field. Applications are solicited from qualified individuals working at recognized regional academic institutions. Applications should be submitted on the application form OHRI\0300 and emailed to Mr. Kareem Coomansingh at [kcoomans@sgu.edu](mailto:kcoomans@sgu.edu) no later than 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016. Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate institutional collaboration and the inclusion of students throughout the three-year period of support. Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate feasible novel research initiatives that, based on the project plan, are likely to advance the field of interest. Such awards should be used to support the purchase of relevant equipment (not computers or related IT equipment), consumables, and local or regional travel to implement the research program.

These grants cannot be used to support salaries (all PIs are required to be in full-time employment) or travel to international conferences or for visiting professors or per diems. The proposed research must have received approval from the applicants Institutional Review Board (IRB) or the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) as appropriate prior to submission for funding. Attach all relevant documents to the application.

If Government personnel, facilities or resources are to be utilized, the approved clearance form(s) from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, and/or Ministry of Education must be attached. For further information contact Mr Kareem Coomansingh at WINDREF ([kcoomans@sgu.edu](mailto:kcoomans@sgu.edu) and/or 444-3997).

All applicants must complete the One Health Research Initiative application form (OHRI\0300) and submit it with a copy of the proposal to [kcoomans@sgu.edu](mailto:kcoomans@sgu.edu) with all supporting documents to: The Director, WINDREF. Proposals must be no longer than ten pages, single spaced and must be submitted on Form OHRI\0300. Once all the documents are received, the OHRI Review Committee will consider the application and respond to the applicant generally within 10 working days of submission of all documents. Only one OHRI grant application can be submitted by any one PI.

Grants will normally not exceed US\$30,000 per annum.

As there is competition for limited funds, unsuccessful applicants may revise and resubmit their proposals up to a maximum of two times.

If an application originates from a member of the OHRI Review committee or if they are co-applicants, they will not be allowed to participate in the discussion or vote on the outcome of that application during the OHRI Review Committee meeting.

Successful applicants are encouraged to present the results of their research at local or international meetings and to publish their work in suitable peer reviewed journals. This will enhance opportunities for additional external funding. Grants have to be utilized within three years of the award.

Once grants are approved, all requisition forms for materials covered by the grant must be submitted to Mr. Kareem Coomansingh ([kcoomansingh@sgu.edu](mailto:kcoomansingh@sgu.edu)).

Shipping costs and the cost of your government's customs and clearance fees must be included in the grant application.

All expenditures must be accounted for and all receipts turned in to Mr. Kareem Coomansingh ([kcoomans@sgu.edu](mailto:kcoomans@sgu.edu)).

Grant recipients must provide an annual written summary and financial report to WINDREF, and progress toward research goals must be demonstrated for release of further funds to continue the project. WINDREF reserves the right to cease funding for any project if the OHRI committee deems that insufficient progress has been made in achieving the stated research objectives.

A five hundred word summary of research outcomes must be provided to the Director, WINDREF [cmacpherson@sgu.edu](mailto:cmacpherson@sgu.edu) by November 30 each year and at the end of the project for

inclusion in the WINDREF Annual Report. Publications and conference presentations arising from the research carried out using the OHRI grant must be provided to the Director, WINDREF, upon acceptance. Acknowledgement of this grant must be stated on all successful publications and conference presentations.