



Call for Nominations / Applications for Student Representatives on One Health Commission Board of Directors

Time Line: Applications Due to OHC- May 20, 2015

Student online survey / voting: May 21-June 3

Board Selection process: June 4-July 20

Students first Board Meeting: August 20

Send application materials to Cheryl Stroud, DVM, PhD

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The One Health Commission (OHC) is seeking nominations / applications from all disciplines to fill a limited number of student positions as voting members of its Board of Directors. The Commission hopes to select representatives from at least three One Health domains*, animal, human, environmental, plant or other. It is anticipated that the successful nominees will be graduate or professional school students; however, outstanding undergraduate candidates who have been actively leading One Health activities and elected by their peers will be considered for the Alternate (representative-elect in training) position upon recommendation by faculty who are active in the One Health community and who know the student well having taught or otherwise mentored them. Both the voting Representative and non-voting Alternate-in-Training from each domain will participate fully in Board meetings and discussions with the Alternate delegate automatically rotating in the second year to become the voting representative. Thus, in the future, only one student from each domain will need to be approved each year by the Board. Student representatives will be elected 'by students' and may self-nominate / apply or be nominated by their peers, faculty / deans or by OHC Board members. In this first year, by May 20, the Commission will collect all applications and post them on the OHC website [Students for One Health page](#). Student leaders will then distribute a survey/vote to the Students for One Health listserv for online election of 5-6 applicants to be completed by June 3 and put forward to the OHC Board for final selection and approval. In future, the student representatives will oversee this annual process.

In this first year of student representation on the OHC Board, it is desired to select two students from each domain, one Voting and one Alternate. This 2015 call for student nominations welcomes undergrads (with supporting faculty letter), first, second and third year graduate or professional school student applicants. Future calls (beyond 2015) for nominations will welcome undergraduates (with supporting faculty letter), first, and second year students to apply as Alternate-in-Training representatives. Due to the Alternate-in-Training structure, if 3rd year graduate and professional students are elected by their peers, they will be considered by the Board on a case by case basis with a letter of faculty support as that would require that they serve their 'voting' year while doing 4th year clinics or thesis defense.

If insufficient numbers of students are nominated to fill each domain's student slots, the Board may, at its discretion, choose from all applicants to fill the set number of student slots on the Board or wait for future application rounds to attain student representation that fully reflects all domains of One Health.



Requirements to serve are:

- Demonstrated passion for furthering the One Health concept across disciplines
- Strong communications and leadership skills. Leadership experience is a plus.
- Vision and implementation ideas to actively lead Students for One Health 'Chapters' in partnership with the work of the Commission as it 'connects' One Health stakeholders to 'create' action teams that will join hands to work together to 'educate' about One Health and One Health issues.
- Commitment to attend and fully engage in 6 out of 8 Board meetings in each 12 month cycle. Thus the Alternate will commit to 12 out of 16 Board meetings over 24 months. Since Board meetings are conducted online, participants can attend from anywhere they have a good internet connection. The Begin / End cycle will be set by the OHC Board in consultation with students. Board meetings take place every 6 weeks, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Eastern U.S. Time zone on Thursday afternoons and are scheduled for the remainder of 2015 for May 28, July 9, August 20, October 1, and November 12.
- Strong academic scores; this extra-curricular activity must not jeopardize the student's academic performance.



Each Nominee / Applicant will submit to the OHC Board by May 20, 2015 a current vitae and a 300-500 word essay. Essay topic: The One Health concept is increasingly being adopted as a way to address complex global health problems that involve people, animals and the environment. Write a short essay about an idea you have for a novel, creative and innovative way to advocate for, raise awareness of, promote, or advance the science of One Health. Above all, your idea should be practical. In your essay make sure you address the potential impact on people, animals and the environment. The Board will complete its selections in time for the students to begin their 2015-2016 year of service at the August 20, 2015 Board meeting.

The OHC Board is currently being re-defined as shown in the figure below, with By-Laws updates in progress. OHC will collect all student applications and post them on the [SOH page](#) of its website where all can view. Student organizers will then create and distribute an online SOH survey vote to elect 5-6 student nominees from at least 3 (hopefully) domains to be completed and submitted to the OHC by June 3. Nominations are not restricted to the U.S.

Send completed application packages to Cheryl Stroud, Executive Director at cstroud@onehealthcommissionl.org by May 20

***Domains:**

Animal: Veterinary Medicine, Animal Science, Wildlife Science, etc.

Human: Medicine, Osteopathy, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Nursing, Public Health, Global Health, etc.

Environment: Environmental Health, Ecology, Wildlife, etc

Plants: Soil Science, Plant Pathology, Agronomy, etc

Other: Chemistry, Biology, Engineering, Psychology, Sociology, Communications, Anthropology

Redefined OHC Board Definition- *Goal - Increase OH Domain representation in Commission Leadership (4-4-15)*

