One Medicine Professional Impact Awards

Call Guidance 2026

1. **Introduction**

Humanimal Trust drives collaboration between human and animal medical professionals, researchers, and allied professions, so that all humans and animals benefit from sustainable and equal medical progress, but not at the expense of an animal's life. This is One Medicine.

Humanimal Trust funds scientific research and activities that demonstrate reciprocity and advance the ethos of One Medicine. Please, see Humanimal Trust's website for further details about our mission, and about One Medicine.

The **One Medicine Professional Impact Awards** support anyone with a professional interest in One Medicine to develop collaborative and connection-building activities and contribute to the emerging One Medicine evidence base.

This funding supports One Medicine multidisciplinary research, connections based on One Medicine principles, and partnerships that might not have otherwise happened. Projects should lead to prospective improvement in the lives of both humans and animals.

Humanimal Trust areas of interest:

Proposals must demonstrate One Medicine principles and have the potential to advance the practice or concept of One Medicine. Proposals should address one or more of the following priority areas:

- Infection control and antimicrobial resistance
- Oncology
- Musculoskeletal disorders
- Neurology and neurosurgery
- Regenerative medicine
- Potentially other projects in any disease area that support the concept of One Medicine (please feel free to contact Humanimal Trust to discuss potential topics)
- Replacement and the phasing out of the use of laboratory animals. This includes proposals with social sciences/bioethics components that shift thinking around alternative approaches to animal use in research

2. **What can be applied for?**

The focus of these awards is to drive collaboration and connection-building activities or research that contributes to the generation of the emergent One Medicine evidence base. Examples of activities which may be applied for include:

This includes support for activities such as:

- Exchanges and collaborations that will drive forward One Medicine research and practice
- Evidence reviews around a defined research question clearly contributing to building a One Medicine evidence base
- Collaborative workshops that bring together both human and animal medicine perspectives towards a specific outcome
- Improved sharing of resources – for instance, activities that improve the One Medicine potential of research tools, samples, or expertise
- Activities that will help to develop larger One Medicine funding proposals (with clear evidence of how this will happen and the funding source(s) which will be applied for)
- Other activities which can be clearly demonstrated to drive collaboration and connection-building activities or the generation of the emergent One Medicine evidence base

We do not fund the following:

- Any project which involves the use of experimental animal models
- Service provision or audit studies
- Higher education courses fees
- Course fees for degrees or subsistence costs
- Electives
- Indirect costs such as administrative or other overheads imposed by an institution
- Advertising for and recruiting staff
- Clinical or non-clinical staff training
- Attendance at conferences
- General appeals from other charities. Funding proposals from charity funded teams may be considered as long as the application clearly addresses the aims of this call
- 'Top up' funding for work supported by other funding bodies, unless this can be evidenced to clearly contribute to the aims of this call

Information of previous awards can be found here.

3. **How will proposals be evaluated**

Applications will be considered by Humanimal Trust's Science Committee. Evaluation of applications will include the following criteria:

- Evidence of a clear One Medicine purpose with defined output
- Evidence of potential to benefit the health and/or medicine of **both** humans and animals in a well-defined and tangible way **(applications which do not do this will not be funded).** Benefits should be conceivable within a broadly comparable timeframe for both humans and animals
- Provides sufficient clarity and detail to understand precisely how the work proposed will be done with the funds
- Potential of the proposed work to advance applicants' professional work and/or collaborations in One Medicine
- Quality of science and expected impact
- Applicant's skills, expertise, and ability to undertake the activities that are proposed, along with the feasibility of achieving aims and value for money

Applications not written in the English language will not be accepted.

Use of AI

The use of AI tools for assistive tasks such as literature searching, proofreading, formatting and language editing is permitted. However, applications generated wholly or in part by generative AI will not be accepted. Please include in your submission a statement of how AI was used in the preparation of your proposal.

PGIE

Humanimal Trust would also like to encourage both Patient Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) as well as Public Guardian Involvement and Engagement (PGIE). We understand that whilst the PPI concept is well-evolved in human medical research, it is not yet fully recognised in the veterinary research practice. However, we would encourage applicants to consider the UK Standards for Public Involvement and where relevant provide additional information on consideration of PPIE and PGIE.

4. **Outputs and impact**

- Proposals must have defined outputs
- Delivery of project and outputs must be within a maximum of 12 months
- Applications must include:
  - Well defined expected impacts and clear next steps as to how this project will help to advance professional work and/or collaborations in One Medicine
  - Clear evidence of who will benefit, what is expected to change, how and when that change will be measured, and what is likely to continue after the award
  - Proportionate indicators of potential impact covering both immediate outputs

and likely future impact

5. **Eligibility**

These awards are open to anyone with a professional interest in advancing human and animal health through One Medicine. This includes, and is not limited to, doctors, vets, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, academic researchers (including postdocs and doctoral students) of any discipline, and allied health professionals. We actively encourage cross-disciplinary applications.

The lead applicant must have an institutional affiliation with a higher education institution (HEI) in the UK, or veterinary practice, or the NHS or a private medical institution/practice (including dentists and allied health professions) based in the UK. This institution will be required to take on the formal responsibilities of award holder.

UK based applicants collaborating with institutions and individuals outside of the UK would be eligible to apply (such institutions would be responsible for any disbursement of portions of award funds to any overseas partner).

Applications from doctoral students are welcomed. As researchers in training, doctoral students must have their academic supervisor or a member of their formal supervisory team named on the application.

6. **Responsibility of the individual and organisation**

By submitting a proposal to Humanimal Trust, the individual and organisation submitting the proposal indicate their formal acceptance of the proposal, their acceptance of the terms and conditions of Humanimal Trust's award, and the approval of the salaries and resources sought.

Award acceptance also signifies that the individual and organisation submitting the proposal accepts the terms and conditions and any award-specific terms and conditions, as specified in the award letter, for the entire life of the award (should the PI move to another institution during the course of the award, it might be possible to accommodate this but this would be subject to negotiation).

Administrative authorities have responsibility for ensuring that the salaries and resources cited in the proposals are sufficient to undertake the proposed research, to attract sufficiently experienced and skilled staff, represent good value for money, and ensure outputs are publicly shared.

7. **Financial and justification of resources**

Eligible costs:

- Reasonable costs to support the activities proposed, these must be clearly

justified. Whilst it is not feasible to specify all costs which can be included, applicants can query the inclusion of specific costs if uncertain (please send any queries to: alex@humanimaltrust.org.uk)

- Travel cost between collaborating partners (up to £3000 per award with possibility to extend to £4000 if the partner organisation is outside of the UK)
- Proportion of staff costs involved – to cover release from duties or to fund specialist expertise where required (up to £4000)
- Production of any materials to support the building of the collaboration (up to £1000)
- All costs must be fully justified within the application

Cost that are not eligible:

- No overhead charges or costs
- Costs which duplicate funding or resources already in place
- Standard electronic equipment such as laptops will not be funded
- Other equipment will only be funded if not available already, and where there is explicit clear justification that this is needed for the activities set out, and how the use of this equipment, where applicable, will contribute to One Medicine activities in the future.
- Contributions to student stipend (although other additional costs such as travel and subsistence can be included)

8. **Expected timeframe**

- Opening date for applications: **30th October 2026**
- Deadline for submission of applications: **18th January 2027 (11.00 pm UK time)**
- Assessment and review period: **January- February 2027**
- Funding committee meeting date: **Early March 2027**
- Expected date for notification of funding decisions: **w/c 22 Mar 2027**
- Expected project start dates: From **May 2027 onwards**

All dates are indicative and may be subject to change. Applicants will be notified of any significant changes to the timetable. Funding decisions and project commencement dates are subject to completion of the relevant approval and award processes.

9. **Application pack**

1. **Please review the following documents and contact alex@humanimaltrust.org.uk if you have any questions:**

b. **Award Call Guidance (this document)**

c. **Award Terms and Conditions**
d. **Award Costing Template**
e. **Application Form Info Sheet**

2. **Complete your application online at: Online Application Form**

3. **Once you have submitted your application, please email the following supporting documents to alex@humanimaltrust.org.uk:**

- Brief cover letter including the following as part of the email text:
  - Lead applicant name
  - Project name
  - Statement confirming if/how you have used AI tools for assistive tasks only
- CV of lead applicants (joint applicants) and all co-applicants (max. 2 pages plus selected recent publications) with brief statements indicating support for the application
- Completed Costing Template. This can be downloaded from our website
- Gantt chart
- Support letter from the lead institution and collaborating institution if applicable
- Any declarations of conflict of interest

We will not be able to process an application if the relevant supporting documents are not received. For any queries or questions, please contact alex@humanimaltrust.org.uk.

We will treat your application as confidential, and it will be used for the purposes of assessing your application using our normal procedures, and any appropriate follow-up activities.