

Starting a One Health Club

1. University Guidelines
2. Goals, Objectives and Guiding Principles
3. Mentorship
4. Leadership Board
5. Financial Requirements
6. Write a Constitution



1. University Guidelines – be familiar with the rules and regulations set forth by your university for club formation. Follow them!
2. Goals, Objectives and Guiding Principles – what do you want to achieve? what do you want to provide for your members? In the first year? In the first 5 years?
3. Mentorship – Consistent faculty membership is vital. Students filter through, but the faculty mentors provide longevity and continuity.
4. Leadership Board – Ensure that students from multiple disciplines are on the board for the best results. Ensure that all board members understand their responsibilities and manage expectations.
5. Financial Requirements – Create a budget for your first year. How much do you need to achieve your goals? How much will you charge for membership? How much will you then need to fundraise?
6. Write a Constitution – Compile all your information from #1-5 into a “Students for One Health: Club Constitution”. This document can be changed yearly to evolve with the club.

Example

Guiding Principles, One Health Nicaragua

1. To Do No harm
2. Community-based Development
3. Social and Cultural Sensitivity
4. Information Exchange
5. Sustainability

What do you want to focus on? What ideas will guide you as you move forward?
What principles can you rely on?

Recruitment

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Recruitment for the club, or for a new project:

1. Balance Expectations - What do potential members want from the club/project? What does the club/project want from potential members? Decide on these beforehand so that you enter your recruitment with something to offer.
2. Advertise – email announcements, flyers, classroom announcements
3. Informational Meeting – share your ideas and describe your goals! Get everyone excited about your project! Why should they join? What will they gain from it?
4. Recruitment: Applications, Interviews or Open Registration – Decide how you want to select people for your project. What are you looking for in a member? What questions do you want to ask them? How many people do you want?
5. Selection Committee – The committee should be made up of board members and faculty mentors. Decide beforehand on a method for selection (assigning candidates scores, ranking them according to a point system, having a group discussion, voting, etc).

Start Small !!!

Don't take on too many projects your first year. Let the club become established and focus on 2-3 small projects.