

CENTER FOR HUMAN-ANIMAL INTERACTIONS RESEARCH & EDUCATION (CHAIRE)

EXTERNAL PARTNER INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Executive Summary:

The CFAES Center for Human-Animal Interactions Research & Education's (CHAIRE) mission is to enhance the relationships between humans and non-human animals and advance appropriate husbandry of wild and domestic species through research, education, and outreach. Our members include internal and external professionals and graduate students. Internal members include representatives from Animal Sciences, the School of Environment and Natural Resources, College of Veterinary Medicine, College of Social Work, and the College of Nursing. Our three focus areas include Welfare & Behavior, Conservation, and Zooeyia/Companionship, allowing us to achieve our vision to be the leading authority in developing guidelines to improve human-animal interactions and promote positive welfare for all.



Performance and Financial Accomplishments:

CHAIRE was established in Spring of 2017. Since this time, we have funded two master's students and three PhD students for four semesters each, including stipend, tuition, and benefits. We are currently conducting research projects in various disciplines examining interactions from both the human and animal perspective across our three focus areas. The Barbra A. Muth Fund was graciously established by Melissa and Molly Muth in 2018, creating a program coordinator position for CHAIRE, to enhance outreach and educational opportunities for students and the community as well. Additionally, CHAIRE has received support from the Department of Animal Sciences and the School of Environment and Natural Resources and has seen growth in our member and friend base. CHAIRE continually communicates updates with our community through a quarterly newsletter, social media, and website postings.



Goals:

Moving forward, CHAIRE will expand our research cohort to undergraduate students to advance knowledge of the interrelationships between people, animals, and the environment. CHAIRE has received great interest from students within various disciplines and foresee continued growth in research interests. We believe we can improve food security, production, animal welfare, and human health, specifically through the lens of human-animal interactions.



CHAIRE Strategic Needs:

Becoming a financial supporter of CHAIRE provides quality and applicable educational opportunities for students pertinent to industry organizations across the state, nation, and abroad. Funding for one undergraduate student totals \$1,000 for a six month research project. We wish to fund three students each quarter, one per focus area, totaling \$12,000 annually and opportunities for 12 students to begin projects each year. Financial supporters of CHAIRE will select which focus area they would like to support and 100% of earnings will be designated for undergraduate research. Students will submit research proposals to CHAIRE and be paired with the appropriate OSU faculty member for completion of projects. At completion, students will produce written research reports and a 3-minute video which will be posted to CHAIRE's YouTube Channel. Undergraduate research programs will advance the well-being of people and animals of Ohio through the creation and dissemination of knowledge. We eventually wish to expand this program, offering more opportunities for students annually and every donation, regardless of amount, made towards research will help us accomplish this goal. For more information of how to donate to undergraduate research visit chaire.osu.edu.

