**The Occupational Health at the Human Animal Interface (OHHAI) Scholarship Program**

*About the OHHAI Program*

The Occupational Health at the Human-Animal Interface (OHHAI) program is a unique training component of the UW Northwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety (NWCOHS) that addresses an important need: the occupational health and safety of animal workers. Animal workers interact with animals in a wide range of settings ranging from veterinary clinics to research laboratories, farms, markets, zoos, aquariums, and wildlife environments. They face unique and important health issues including exposure to zoonotic infectious diseases, allergens, and injury risks, yet traditionally have had limited access to preventive occupational health services.

*OHHAI Trainees*

The OHHAI program supports 3-4 graduate student scholarships each year with tuition and stipend, at either the masters or PhD level. The goal is to attract students with diverse backgrounds including animal health, human health, and exposure sciences/industrial hygiene. Students in the OHHAI program will also take part in Center-wide activities of the UW NWCOHS. The OHHAI trainees may be eligible for NWCOHS trainee travel and research supplies funds through the Director’s Fund.

*OHHAI Program Requirements*

OHHAI scholars complete a rigorous course of study that stresses epidemiology and biostatistics skills and occupational health and safety knowledge. The course of study a particular focus in the “One Health” approach to fostering worksites that promote the health of workers, animals, and the shared environment. Some of the core One Health courses include:

* ENVH 586 Current Issues in Occupational Health at the Human-Animal Interface Seminar
* ENVH 539 One Health: human and animal health in a changing environment.

*OHHAI Research Project*

Students in the OHHAI training program will complete their thesis research on a topic related to the occupational health and safety of animal workers. They will work closely with an academic thesis advisor and mentor who will assist the student in application of research methodologies including literature review, hypothesis development and testing, data management, and preparation of scientific manuscripts.

**OHHAI Application Form:**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact information: email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Current level of education: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Degree program you are planning to apply for: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Department: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please answer the following questions:**

1. **Please describe your relevant background and interest in the OHHAI Training Program.**
2. **Please indicate an area of research that you are considering for your thesis project, and the type of research that interests you.**
3. **Describe your career goal in terms of how you would be involved in the future with the occupational health and safety of animal workers.**

**Please submit this form to Vickie Ramirez at ramirezv@uw.edu**