Center on Human Trafficking Research & Outreach Faculty Affiliation

The mission of the Center on Human Trafficking Research & Outreach (CenHTRO) is to conduct research, develop programming, and influence policies that drastically and measurably reduce human trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Our vision is to become the leading hub for human trafficking research, policy, and programming development across the globe.

CenHTRO seeks faculty and researchers whose work contributes to the grand challenge of human trafficking, while maintaining meaningful affiliations with the excellent faculty already engaged in applied research. Specifically, we seek people who are currently conducting research in the areas of human trafficking, child labor, poverty, immigration, and/or gender-based issues and international development.

Affiliate membership is granted to collaborators who can contribute to enhancing multidisciplinary research efforts in human trafficking. Tenured, tenure-track, adjunct, and research faculty at the University of Georgia are eligible for affiliation. Faculty in other institutions of higher learning and who are currently conducting research in the areas of trafficking, child labor, poverty, immigration, and/or gender-based issues and development are also eligible to apply for affiliation.

Affiliate Benefits
The benefits of affiliating with CenHTRO are:

- Opportunities for interdisciplinary engagement in human trafficking and child labor research;
- A broad academic arena for training the next generation of human trafficking researchers and professionals;
- Support to recruit excellent graduate students through CenHTRO’s pre-doctoral graduate fellowship program;
- A mentoring program for postdoctoral researchers;
- Staff coordination and accounting assistance for planning and implementing large, multi-investigator research and graduate training proposals;
- Information about funding opportunities, including CenHTRO’s seed funding program.

Affiliate Responsibilities
Affiliates are expected to:

- Participate fully in collaborative efforts and communications about research initiatives;
- Promote the activities of CenHTRO within their home unit/organization;
- Where relevant, involve graduate research assistants and/or undergraduate students in Center-affiliated research projects, and be willing to mentor pre-doctoral or postdoctoral trainees;
- Contribute their unique disciplinary perspective to CenHTRO’s aims and mission;
- Provide information about publications and awards once a year for the annual report;
• Acknowledge CenHTRO in conference papers and published work that was supported by funding from CenHTRO or received feedback from CenHTRO faculty.

Affiliation Criteria
To become a CenHTRO Affiliate, you must meet the following criteria:
• Have an advanced degree (e.g., MSW, MPH, PhD);
• Be currently engaged in research, or be scaling up to perform research in the future, that is consistent with CenHTRO’s mission;
• Have at least two publications that are related to the mission and work of CenHTRO;
• Have an interest in applying for external grants in the area of human trafficking and/or child labor.

Application
To apply, please submit the following to cenhtro@uga.edu:
• A current curriculum vitae;
• A brief statement about your research interests. This should include:
  o (1) general topics in which you are interested,
  o (2) project(s) you are working on or planning to work on as a CenHTRO Affiliate, and
  o (3) past projects you have worked on, including grant-funded projects.
• A brief description how your current/future research interests are consistent with CenHTRO’s Mission.
• A brief statement on what you hope to bring to, and gain from, affiliation with CenHTRO.

Review Process
The CenHTRO Executive Committee will review all applications and make recommendations to the Center Director. The appointment will be for three years. The Executive Committee will review all members at least once every three years to ascertain interest in continuation of affiliate status.