

CALLING ALL AVIAN RESEARCH ENTHUSIASTS! SCHUBOT CENTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center is an academic research center within the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University. We are an informal avian research think tank, and wish to include you! Our mission is to conduct research into the health of birds, including wild, pet, and exotic birds. Using a One Health approach, we study the health of communities, populations, and individual birds and the environments in which they live. The Center is funded from an endowment established by the late Mr. Richard Schubot, an enthusiastic breeder of large parrots, who wished to create an avian health research center at TAMU. Examples of some current research conducted by individuals affiliated with the Center include:

- Avian ecology and conservation in Peru and the Southern US
- Development of rapid diagnostic assays and vaccines for infectious diseases of birds
- Avian parasites and their impact on health
- Genome sequencing of endangered avian species
- Ecological investigations of avian migration and tick-borne disease risk
- Population genetics of Psittacines
- Enhancement of avian enrichment and captive breeding approaches
- Birds as bioindicators of health across Texas
- Clinical and surgical interventions

There is lots of awesome avian research taking place across campus, and we'd love to join together to enhance the TAMU avian research impact! Schubot members span multiple departments, including faculty, wildlife biologists, epidemiologists, veterinarians, ecologists, staff, and trainees in various levels (graduate students, undergraduates, veterinary trainees, postdocs). No need for current or past research with Schubot in order to join. All are welcome! Membership is free.

Membership Benefits

- Become part of a collaborative, supportive network of avian researchers to enhance your impact in the field
- All members can apply for avian research mini grants of \$2500 and/or travel grants up to \$1000 (details forthcoming)
- Access to a world-renowned aviary and resident birds for research/teaching
- Trainee members eligible for the Schubot Directors Award for research excellence
- Choice of free Schubot shirt or hat (new logo forthcoming Fall 2019!)
- Friendly forum to practice research talks during the monthly Schubot Seminar
- Network with experts in medicine and disease to integrate health aspects into your avian research

Membership Expectations

- Attend Schubot Seminar monthly avian research discussion group at least once per semester, as schedule allows
- Present research material or avian topic at a Schubot Seminar when opportunity arises (e.g., practice for a national conference presentation or defense seminar; share ideas for group discussion on grant proposal; discuss preliminary data and ideas for analysis; recruit for assistance with local bird studies).
- Student members will assist in a Schubot-sponsored outreach activity (e.g., public mist netting/bird-banding at local park; bird booth for kids at open house; Girl Scout/Boy Scout activities; other outreach you design).

Please complete the following and submit to the Director, Dr. Sarah Hamer, at SHamer@tamu.edu.

Applicant's Name

Phone

Department

Email

Position/Title

Shirt or Hat? Indicate shirt size

Your website

What are your avian research interests?

Why are you interested in joining?

Any ideas to improve the Schubot Center or ideas for group activities?

We'd love to include all members in a new section our website. **Please attach a photo with your application** (photos of you with a bird are welcome!).

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