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Jane Goodall Institute Makes its New Home at University of Toronto

Toronto, ON: The Jane Goodall Institute of Canada (JGI) and the University of Toronto's Centre for Environment today announced a partnership that will see JGI's national office located at the University. The partnership will involve collaborations on teaching and research, sharing of information on JGI's conservation programs in Africa, and opportunities for U of T students to contribute to JGI's programs around the world.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with such a well-respected Canadian university," said Jane Lawton, Executive Director of JGI Canada. "There is no question that this will help us reach out to more young Canadians and engage them directly in our work."

Dr. Ingrid Stefanovic, Director of the Centre for Environment, also expressed enthusiasm for the new partnership. "Dr. Goodall is an icon, renowned internationally for work that intersects animal welfare, sustainability and development efforts. There will be wonderful new opportunities for student engagement in these avenues of research, with JGI Canada on campus."

Founded in 1977, JGI continues Dr. Goodall's pioneering research of chimpanzee behaviour -- research that transformed scientific perceptions of the relationship between humans and animals. Today, it is a global leader in the effort to protect Great Apes and their habitats, and is widely recognised for its innovative conservation and development programs in Africa, and for *Roots & Shoots*, a global environmental and humanitarian education program.

The Centre for Environment supports interdisciplinary teaching and research relating to social, cultural, economic, technological, regulatory and ecological initiatives that are key to improving human and environmental health. With over 400 faculty members working in this field across the three campuses, a major academic goal is to serve as a doorway to environmental research and teaching across the disciplines.

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