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at least two highly sought and highly qualified students each year for four years beginning in 2008. In addition, Simpson's Halgren will serve half-time at both Simpson and at Great Ape Trust of Iowa in order to help further the partnership for years to come.

Deb Tierney, vice president for enrollment, said the relationship will open new academic opportunities for Simpson College. "This scholarship will attract highly motivated students," Tierney said. "We are grateful to Dr. Halgren for his commitment to Simpson and to Great Ape Trust."

Steve Griffith, vice president and dean of academic affairs, agreed.

"This is an exciting opportunity for students at Simpson College to engage in an unparalleled educational experience at one of the world's finest primate research institutions," Griffith said. "In addition to the one-of-a-kind undergraduate research opportunities, someday we hope to have students from a variety of fields engaged in work with Great Ape Trust."

GREAT APE TRUST BACKGROUND

Great Ape Trust of Iowa is a scientific research facility in southeast Des Moines dedicated to understanding the origins and future of culture, language, tools and intelligence. When completed, Great Ape Trust will be the largest great ape facility in North America and one of the first worldwide to include all four types of great ape – bonobos, chimpanzees, gorillas and orangutans – for noninvasive interdisciplinary studies of their cognitive and communicative capabilities.

Great Ape Trust is dedicated to providing sanctuary and an honorable life for great apes, studying the intelligence of great apes, advancing conservation of great apes and providing unique educational experiences about great apes. Great Ape Trust of Iowa is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization and is certified by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). To learn more about Great Ape Trust of Iowa, go to www.GreatApeTrust.org.

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