

The University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna is active in teaching and research and provides services in connection with ensuring animal health in Austria. These tasks represent our contribution to maintaining the health of humans and their animal companions as well as to producing healthy food.

To meet our objectives, our Konrad Lorenz Institute of Ethology – Domestication Lab (Department of Integrative Biology and Evolution) is looking for a

Postdoctoral researcher in Behavioral Ecology

Grade:	PostDoc/B1
Level of employment:	40 hours
Length of employment:	4 years
Deadline for applications:	15.04.2019

In our Domestication Lab, Vienna, Austria, we seek a postdoctoral scientist with research interests in behavioral and cognitive ecology that will complement and build upon existing lab strengths in animal behavior and cognition. Our research focuses on understanding the effects of domestication on animals' social behaviour, personality, physical and social cognition by studying wolves and dogs in captive settings as well as in free-ranging populations. To complement our approach and to better understand how the socio-ecology of these species might affect their behavior and cognition, we seek a new team member with a strong theoretical and methodological background in behavioural ecology, a keen interest in exploring how such theories and methods can be applied to dog domestication research and a strong dedication to high quality research.

The aim is a better understanding of the impacts of the social ecology on behavior and cognition in canines (dogs and wolves in particular, but potentially extending these questions also to other canines).

We welcome applicants, spanning diverse approaches and animal systems.

Responsibilities

Candidates will be expected

- to suggest innovative approaches combining ecology and behavior in free-ranging canines to complement existing research topics
- to help maintain and manage a field site on free-ranging dogs, which will include also frequent travelling to the research site and staying there prolonged periods
- to share our commitment to high standard supervision of undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students
- to seek third party funding in collaboration with senior team members

Necessary knowledge and qualifications

- A Ph.D. (or equivalent) in biology or ecology
- A high potential in the study of behavioral evolution or behavioral ecology, through published research in peer-reviewed journals.
- Experience in the conception and management of research projects
- Proficiency in English (equivalent to Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency, C1-Level)
- Good knowledge of statistical methods in R
- A communicative and outgoing personality

Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of social network analyses
- Previous experience with field work
- Driving licence B

Applications should be accompanied by the following documents

- Application letter (including preferred and earliest possible start date) together with a statement of personal motivation
- Academic curriculum vitae (including a list of publications, a list of courses and students supervised, a list of talks given)
- Short description of current research interests and research plans for the near future
- Contact details of people who could provide a letter of reference

Contact /Further Information

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Minimum salary

The minimum salary for university staff is regulated by the collective contract and at the level given above amounts to EUR 3.803,90 gross per month (14 times/year). The minimum salary may be increased when previous employment and other salary components are taken into account.

Applications

Please submit applications quoting the **reference number 2019/0306** via e-mail (preferably) to bewerbungen@vetmeduni.ac.at or by post to the Personnel Department of the University of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinärplatz 1, 1210 Vienna. Please do not forget to include the reference number or we shall be unable to relate your application to the correct vacancy announcement.

The Vetmeduni Vienna is attempting to increase the proportion of female staff, particularly in senior positions, and in accordance with § 41 of the 2002 Universities Act it is striving to attain a balanced representation of men and women, especially on its scientific staff. Applications from qualified women are thus particularly welcomed. If women are underrepresented (below 50%), female applicants who are as well qualified as the best qualified male applicants will be given preference, provided that there are no strong reasons for favouring a particular male candidate.

Applicants have no entitlement to reimbursement of any travel or accommodation costs they may incur as a result of the application procedure.

The Vetmeduni Vienna is proud to have been awarded the certificate "*hochschuleundfamilie*" (career and family). We should thus be especially pleased to receive applications from people with families. Applications from persons with disabilities are similarly welcome.