

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.

The Institute of Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare is looking for a

PhD student in Animal Welfare

Grade: B1
Level of employment: 30 hours
Length of employment: 3 years
Deadline for applications: 01.03.2018

The Institute of Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare is part of Vetmeduni, ranked 8th worldwide (2017 Shanghai Ranking for Universities, Veterinary Sciences) and located in Vienna, consistently ranking as one of the most livable cities in the world.

Responsibilities

This PhD position forms part of a new research program on prosocial behaviour in domestic animals, with an emphasis on positive welfare states and underlying neurophysiological mechanisms. You should be motivated, independent and reliable. The project will combine fundamental research on understanding the contextual modulation of prosocial behaviours, their neurobiological mechanisms and their practical implications for animal welfare in farm animals (pig, cattle/goat or poultry), supported by a multi-disciplinary approach (behaviour, physiology, neuroscience) and a dynamic team. The work will be conducted in English, and will require travel for on-farm experiments. The starting date is negotiable.

Please submit to the email address listed below a letter addressing the selection criteria below (necessary knowledge and qualifications, desired skills and abilities) in 2 to 3 pages, a full CV, a list of three references, and a letter of motivation describing your research interests, experience and goals.

Necessary knowledge and qualifications

- A Bachelor or Master in a relevant area of biology or equivalent degree
- An understanding and past experience in animal behaviour research

Desired skills and abilities

- Experience in behavioural data collection and data analysis
- Knowledge of neuroscience research techniques
- Knowledge of statistical analysis
- Ability to conduct research relatively independently
- Evidence of initiative and persistence
- Publications would be a plus

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 2,096 gross per month (× 14 months/year, equal to EUR 29,344 gross yearly). 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 2018/0214** 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, Austria. 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.