

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** is looking for a

University assistant in Computational Behavioural Science

Grade:	PostDoc/B1
Level of employment:	40 hours
Length of employment:	3 years
Deadline for applications:	30.06.2020

We look for a candidate with experience in using modern computational tools to study complex behavioural patterns. We have acquired instruments to record elaborate courtship displays of birds in the field and laboratory and developed methods to analyze them using semi-automated tracking of the movements and recognition of the behavioural patterns. The successful candidate will join an enthusiastic group currently composed by one postdoc and three PhD Students who work on this specific topic.

Fusani holds a double appointment at the Konrad Lorenz Institute of Ethology (www.klivv.at) and the Department of Cognitive Biology, University of Vienna (cogbio.univie.ac.at), therefore, the post-doc will be able to use facilities and merge with scientists of both Institutions. The working language of the lab is English. More information about the laboratory can be found at fusanilab.org

Requirements

- High motivation
- Strong background in behavioural sciences
- Specific background in applying computational tools to study animal behaviour
- Excellent publication records
- Proficiency in English (C1-Level)
- Excellent writing skills
- Strong programming and data analysis skills

Further desirable qualifications

- Prior post-doctoral experience
- Independency (i.e. grants, work in different labs)
- International scientific collaboration experience

Applications should include a CV, a letter of motivation, and a writing sample *produced by the candidate* (not, e.g. a copy-edited manuscript with multiple authors). A one-page description of prior work, or future research plans would be adequate (this can be in the cover letter for the application). Applications should be sent to bewerbungen@vetmeduni.ac.at and in cc to renate.hengsberger@vetmeduni.ac.at by **June 30th, 2020**. Please mention Job Nr. 2020-0513 in the subject line.

References from the last two academic advisors are requested (e.g. from undergraduate and PhD thesis supervisor or from post-doc hosts). If these are not available, the applicant should explain why not. References should be sent directly by the referees via email to bewerbungen@vetmeduni.ac.at and in cc to renate.hengsberger@vetmeduni.ac.at. Please ask the reviewer to mention Job Nr. 2020-0513 in the subject line.

The top candidates will be contacted in July for an interview by teleconferencing. The successful applicant should be ready to start in Vienna in Autumn 2020 at latest.

Minimum salary

The minimum salary for university staff is regulated by the collective contract and at the level given above amounts to EUR 3.889,50,- gross per month (14 times/year). The minimum salary may be increased when previous employment and other salary components are taken into account.

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.