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 Messerli Research Institute, unit Ethics and Human-Animal Studies (Department of Interdisciplinary Life Sciences) is looking for a

University Assistant (Experimental Ethics in Human-Animal Relationship)

Grade: PostDoc/B1
Level of employment: 30 hours
Length of employment: 4 years
Deadline for applications: Nov. 27th, 2020
Date of interview (online): Dec. 3rd and 4th, 2020
Start: Jan. 1st, 2021

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the position are research and teaching in experimental ethics in human-animal relationships and administration. In general, 60% of the working time will be research related, 30% will be teaching and 10% administration. In particular, following tasks are assigned to the successful candidate:

- Developing a research strategy and research in the field of experimental ethics in human-animal relationship
- Teaching (max. 2 courses with 2 SWS per semester)
- Supervision of students
- Developing project proposals to be submitted at research funding agencies
- Administration

Qualification requirements

- Doctoral degree
- Documented experience in developing and carrying out research projects in experimental ethics
- Publications in the field of Experimental Ethics
- The successful candidate should aim for an academic career in the interdisciplinary field of experimental ethics
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in English

The evaluation of the applications will place emphasis on:

- Achievements in research and teaching
- Research-related relevance and innovation of the applicant's proposed research (research statement)
- The applicant's estimated academic and personal ability to carry out the proposed research and to contribute to the research environment and activities of the unit
• Good co-operation skills, and the ability to successfully join in academic collaboration within and across disciplines

The application should be written in English and includes

• a letter of motivation (max. 1000 words)
• research statement with a description of the intended research project and strategy (max. 2500 words excluding bibliography), indicating the applicant’s research interests and planned focus
• CV, including a list of publications
• 1-2 peer-reviewed publications or relevant writing samples that mirror the methodological take of the candidate
• name and contact information for two academic references. References may be contacted and asked to submit reference letters if the candidate is shortlisted.
• graduate transcript (copy okay for initial screening)

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 2,917.20 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 2020/1118 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.