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 (Empirical Veterinary Ethics)**

**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 successful candidate are going to lie in research, teaching and administration at the unit “Ethics and Human-Animal Studies.” Approximately, 60% of the position will be research related, 30% will be teaching and supervision and 10% administration. In particular, following task will be assigned to the successful candidate:

- Research in empirical veterinary ethics  
- Teaching (max. 2 courses per semester)  
- Supervision of students  
- Developing project proposals to be submitted at research funding agencies  
- Administration

**Qualification requirements**

- Doctoral degree  
- Background in empirical veterinary ethics research and teaching  
- Experience in interdisciplinary research  
- Strong command of methodologies in the field of social sciences both qualitative and quantitative approaches  
- Documented experience in  
  - design and development of research projects in empirical veterinary ethics  
  - carrying out research projects in international teams  
  - utilizing methods from empirical social sciences in the field of veterinary 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 in veterinary ethics  
- Research-related relevance and innovation of the applicant's proposed research (research statement)
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- 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 is to be submitted 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 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)

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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 2020/1119 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.