

The University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna (Vetmeduni) is an internationally renowned centre of excellence for teaching and research in veterinary medicine as well as a soughtafter partner for cooperation. The modern campus accommodates teaching and research facilities as well as the only veterinary teaching and research hospital in Austria and is the workplace of around 2,300 students and 1,400 staff. Vetmeduni distinguishes itself by striving for excellence in its teaching and research activities as well as in its service units and through its continuous dialogue with society.

The **Department of Biological Sciences and Pathobiology** is looking for an

## Assistant Professor of “Veterinary Immunology”

in accordance with the appointment procedure for Assistant Professors  
established by § 99 (5) of the 2002 Universities Act

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| <b>Grade:</b>                     | A2   |
| <b>Level of employment:</b>       | 40 hours weekly  |
| <b>Length of employment:</b>      | 4 years tenure-track position (i.e. permanent after positive evaluation) |
| <b>Deadline for applications:</b> | 31.08.2025   |
| <b>Reference number:</b>          | 2025/0088  |

### Context

The Vetmeduni is looking for an Assistant Professor to represent the field of "Veterinary Immunology" in research and teaching. The assistant professorship is assigned to the Department of Biological Sciences and Pathobiology and will closely collaborate with the professorship “Immunology”. This provides access to excellent, modern research and teaching facilities.

The successful candidate is expected to advance the field of comparative and veterinary immunology through the understanding of molecular and cellular immune and inflammatory mechanisms in healthy and diseased organisms.

### Main Tasks

The advertised position is aimed to complement and further expand the focus of the Department and the Vetmeduni in the areas of immunology of companion and farm animals, comparative medicine, infection medicine and molecular pathogenicity mechanisms, as well as the development and use of biomodels. In this context, the establishment of an internationally visible, primarily third-party funded research program is strived for. The successful candidate will collaborate interdisciplinary at Vetmeduni, especially with the University Clinics of the Animal Hospital. Furthermore, the successful candidate is expected to engage with further national and international institutions.

Other tasks include teaching within the curricula of Vetmeduni, the supervision of theses and doctoral students, as well as administrative tasks including work in committees, collaboration with authorities and ministries, and third mission activities such as continuing education courses at Vetmeduni.

## **Responsibilities**

- Independent development and realisation of research projects
- Authoring of publications and independent acquisition and coordination of third-party funding
- Supervision and training of undergraduate and graduate students
- Participation in various areas of research, teaching, service and administration within the framework of the university organization
- Independent teaching activities in the study programmes of Vetmeduni
- Willingness to participate in the knowledge transfer and to promote early career researchers in the spirit of the social responsibility of the Vetmeduni
- Actively pursuing the strategic objectives of the department and the Vetmeduni

## **Required education, qualifications and experience**

- Completed studies in natural sciences or life sciences and doctorate / PhD in a relevant field
- At least 2 years of PostDoc-experience in a relevant field
- Outstanding publication track record in line with the career level
- Experience in the acquisition of third-party funds in line with the career level
- Experience with national and international research collaborations
- Teaching experience
- Postgraduate research experience at least at one other university/research institution for at least twelve months in total
- Good English level (B2)

## **Additional desired qualifications and skills**

- Completed studies in veterinary medicine
- Experience in supervising graduate students
- Proof of successful acquisition of third-party funding
- Experience in managing a research group
- Proof of university didactic training programmes
- Open to and experience with new multimedia teaching methods
- An enthusiastic and committed team player
- Open to inter-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary joint working
- Excellent communication skills
- Good German level (B2)

## **What we offer**

- Top university: Vetmeduni is one of the leading academic education and research institutions in veterinary medicine in Europe

- Stable employer
- Attractive campus
- Personal and professional training and development opportunities
- Health care
- Diversity and family-friendly university culture
- Children's day-care and holiday care options
- Numerous attractive fringe benefits
- Employee events

## The Position

The position of Assistant Professor with a qualification (i.e. tenure-track) agreement (according to § 27 of the collective contract (Kollektivvertrag) for university employees) is initially limited to a duration of 4 years. After fulfilment of the agreed qualification goals, the contract will be of an unlimited duration as Associate Professor.

## Minimum salary

The minimum salary for university staff is regulated by the Collective Bargaining Agreement for University Staff and at the A2 level amounts to EUR 5,012.70 gross. The salary increases to EUR 6,285.80 gross when the provisions of the qualification agreement are met.

## Applications

Please submit your application in English, noting the **reference number 2025/0088**, by e-mail to [bewerbungen@vetmeduni.ac.at](mailto:bewerbungen@vetmeduni.ac.at). Please do not forget to include the reference number or we will be unable to relate your application to the correct vacancy announcement.

Application documents in English language must include:

1. Letter of application with a brief description of
  - Current research interests and research plan for the next four years, and anticipated advancement for the field
  - Concept for academic teaching and supervision of young researchers
  - Contribution to the scientific profile of the Department and the Vetmeduni
2. Curriculum vitae including
  - Information on selected research esteem factors (e.g. publication quality, impact, collaborations, invited talks) and recognition of excellence
  - List of external funds acquired (topic, funding agency, budget, duration, role in the project) and currently submitted or unsuccessful grant applications
  - Overview of academic teaching and supervised theses, especially PhD theses
  - Experience in the organization and management of team, staff and students
  - Evidence of knowledge transfer and provision of expertise beyond the scientific community and other significant impact
3. Further documents to prove the required education, qualifications and experience described as necessary in the vacancy announcement
4. Names and contact information of three references

5. If available: Proof of having received personal funding as part of an excellence program

Presentations and interviews with the candidates are scheduled for **November 2025 (likely in calendar week 48)**.

The Vetmeduni aims to increase the proportion of women among scientific and general university staff, especially in management positions, and therefore explicitly invites qualified women to apply. In the case of underrepresentation of women, female applicants who are equally suitable as the best-suited male competitor will be given priority, unless reasons relating to the person of a competitor prevail.

There is no fee required for submitting an application. Applicants have no entitlement to reimbursement of any travel or accommodation expenses they may incur as a result of the application procedure.

As a proud holder of the “hochschuleundfamilie” (“University and Family”) certificate, Vetmeduni welcomes applications from candidates with family responsibilities. We also encourage people with disabilities to apply.

Translations into other languages are solely for information purposes. The version advertised in the University Bulletin (Mitteilungsblatt) is the only one that is legally binding.

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