

The Vetmeduni teaches, undertakes research and offers services designed to guarantee the health of animals in Austria. We view our work as our contribution to ensuring human health and the health of our animal companions as well as to the production of healthy food. To help us meet these objectives,

our **Messerli Research Institute for Human-Animal Interaction, at the Department for Interdisciplinary Life Sciences**, is looking for an

University Assistant (Post-Doc)

Grade:	B1 Post-Doc
Level of employment:	40 hours/week
Duration of contract:	limited, for 1 year
Deadline for applications:	15.11.2025
Reference number:	2025/0228

Responsibilities and tasks

- Independent research in the field of avian cognitive and behavioral biology
- Conducting fieldwork including banding, observing and presenting cognitive tasks to birds of prey in a remote island environment
- Participation in organizational and administrative tasks, particularly managing fieldwork, including supervising students at fieldwork site
- Participation in academic teaching
- Publication of research results in excellent, peer reviewed journals
- Third Mission (public relations, knowledge transfer, social engagement)
- Presentation of research at international conferences
- Data management and adherence to open science/reproducibility standards
- Submission of a third-party funded project

Necessary education, knowledge and qualifications

- Completed doctorate or PhD in biology, psychology or veterinary medicine
- Extensive knowledge of cognitive and behavioral biology
- Several years of experience in planning and conducting behavioral studies with birds
- Experience in handling and banding wild birds of prey
- Experience in conducting fieldwork, preferably in a remote environment
- Experience with GPS-based tracking methods for wildlife
- Experience in science communication and public engagement
- Outstanding publication record appropriate to the career path
- Very good written and spoken English skills (C1)

Desireable qualifications, abilities and skills

- Strong international network

- Partial international training (e.g., Master's abroad)
- Experience with statistical analysis in R

What we offer

- Top university: the Vetmeduni is one of the leading academic institutions in Europe to offer education in and undertake research on veterinary medicine
- Stable employer
- Attractive campus
- Opportunities for further training, both personal and in connection with your career
- Preventive and medical health care
- Diversity- and family-friendly culture
- Childcare facilities, both in term time and during holidays
- Many attractive fringe benefits
- Staff events

Minimum salary

The minimum salaries at universities are governed by a collective bargaining agreement. At the level given above, the minimum salary amounts to EUR 4,932.90 gross per month based on full-time employment (40 hours/week).

Applications

We shall be happy to receive your application, quoting **reference number 2025/0228**, by e-mail to bewerbungen@vetmeduni.ac.at. Please do not forget to include the reference number, or we shall not be able to assign your application to the correct position.

In accordance with § 41 of the 2002 Universities Act, the Vetmeduni is striving to increase the proportion of female staff members, particularly in leadership positions, and to achieve a balanced ratio of men and women on its staff, especially the scientific staff, and would thus welcome applications from qualified females. If women are underrepresented (below 50%), female candidates who are as well qualified as the most appropriate male candidates will be given preference, provided that there is no reason to prefer a particular male candidate.

There is no cost for applying for the position. However, candidates have no rights to reimbursement of any travel and accommodation costs that may arise in connection with their applications.

The Vetmeduni is proud to hold the certificate "hochschuleundfamilie" (university and family) and thus welcomes applications from people with families. We also welcome applications from persons with disabilities.

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