

The University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna (Vetmeduni) is an internationally renowned centre for veterinary medicine education, research and knowledge transfer. The modern campus accommodates teaching and research facilities as well as animal clinics. Vetmeduni is Austria's only veterinary teaching and research hospital. It is home to around 2.300 students and 1.400 employees. Vetmeduni is characterized by its pursuit of excellence in teaching, research and service facilities, as well as its commitment to social responsibility.

The **Department of Biological Sciences and Pathobiology** seeks to appoint a

Professorship for "Virology"

in accordance with § 98 of the 2002 Universities Act.

Grade:	A1
Level of employment:	40 hours weekly
Length of employment:	permanent
Envisaged Job Starting Date:	October 2026
Deadline for applications:	07.01.2026
Reference number:	2025/0250

Field of activity

The professorship is affiliated to the Centre of Pathobiology and is intended to focus on research, teaching and in cooperation with the preclinical facilities and the clinics dealing with virus-related, particularly zoonotic or emerging infectious diseases. According to the development plan of the University of Veterinary Medicine, the expansion of interdisciplinary, translational research should be pursued, so that the findings from research activities support the One Health concept of Vetmeduni.

The central task of the professor to be appointed is to further develop and represent the field of virology in the context of comparative virulence and pathogenicity mechanisms as well as the molecular evolution of viruses. The use of innovative biomodels, modern -omics technologies, and state-of-the-art imaging techniques is expected to enable comprehensive research into viral infection processes and host interactions. The tasks include the further development of existing teaching programmes (compulsory and elective courses, postgraduate training) using digital media.

Of particular importance is the establishment of an interdisciplinary, internationally visible research programme along with the promotion of early-career researchers. For this purpose, state-of-the-art facilities with excellent research and teaching opportunities are available.

In research, the successful candidate should demonstrate a relevant, independent, and internationally visible profile. Adequate third-party funding for the own research in the field of Virology and host-pathogen interaction is a prerequisite. The job holder is expected to collaborate with the facilities of the Vetmeduni as well as with related national and international institutions.

In teaching, the successful candidate fulfils tasks within the curricula of Vetmeduni, supervises theses and is involved in postgraduate scientific training.

Furthermore, the duties of the position holder include third mission activities as well as contributions to the university self-administration and participation in university as well as national and international committees.

Required education, qualifications and experience

- Completed studies in veterinary medicine, human medicine or life sciences
- Completed subject-related Doctorate / PhD or comparable scientific qualification
- Proof of interdisciplinary research activities in the relevant field and ability to network (e.g., demonstrated through national or international project cooperations with universities or research institutions)
- Outstanding, relevant publication track record
- Proof of successful acquisition of third-party funded research projects as Principal Investigator (PI)
- Demonstrable experience in the application, validation, and further development of state-of-the-art methods in the relevant subject area
- Didactic qualification or experience in teaching, supervision, and training of undergraduate and graduate students
- Good command of English (B2)

Required general skills and abilities

- Excellent communication and presentation skills
- Strong leadership and social skills
- Gender and diversity management skills
- A commercial and strategic mindset
- Decision-making ability and assertiveness
- Strong commitment to the continuing success and development of Vetmeduni

Additional desired qualifications and skills

- Experience in developing innovative teaching material
- Good command of German (non-German-speaking applicants are expected to reach at least level B1 within 2-3 years)

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

Minimum salary

The minimum salary according to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for University Staff is EUR 6,604.30 gross per month for 40 hours/week (14 times per year). A higher salary may be agreed to during the appointment negotiations.

Applications

Application documents in English language must include:

1. Letter of application with a brief description of:
 - Current research interests and research plans for the immediate future
 - Previous and planned areas of focus in academic teaching and supervision of young researchers
2. Curriculum vitae including:
 - Information about "esteem factors" (e.g. experience as a publisher, functions in research societies or programme committees)
 - List of lectures given including information about invited lectures at international conferences
 - Information about projects funded by third parties, acquired either independently or in collaboration, stating topic, duration, origin, volume, own role in acquisition, as well as any inventions/patents
 - List of academic teaching and supervised theses, especially doctoral theses
 - Information about experience in organization, management and leadership
3. List of publications including specification of five key publications which the applicant considers particularly relevant to the advertised position
4. Further documents to prove the required education, qualifications and experience of the applicant

To apply for this position, please send your documents in English, noting the **reference number 2025/0250**, by e-mail to the Office of the Senate of the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna at berufungen@vetmeduni.ac.at.

Presentations and interviews with the candidates are scheduled for **May 2026** (likely in **calendar week 22**).

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 or chronic conditions 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.

For further information, please visit
www.vetmeduni.ac.at/en/infoservice/professorships

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