

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 **Konrad Lorenz Institute of Ethology, Department of Interdisciplinary Life Sciences**, is looking for an

University Assistant (Post-Doc) (m/f/d)

Grade:	B1 Post-Doc
Level of employment:	40 hours/week
Duration of contract:	Temporary replacement starting on 01.03.2026, expected duration 10 months
Deadline for applications:	31.01.2026
Reference number:	2026/0002

Place of work: Vedmeduni Campus, 1210 Wien und Wolf Science Center, 2115 Ernstbrunn

This postdoctoral position is based at the Domestication Lab of the Konrad Lorenz Institute, Department of Interdisciplinary Life Sciences. The Domestication Lab is dedicated to studying behavioral and cognitive differences and similarities between wolves and dogs to gain insights into the domestication process. Our research goes beyond animal behavior and includes investigations into human attitudes toward these species, as well as questions about how differing perceptions can influence animal behavior. Currently, the team conducts research at the Core Facility Wolf Science Center, the Clever Dog Lab, and two field stations focused on studying free-ranging dogs and wolves.

Responsibilities and tasks

- Participation in and independent management of research projects in the above-mentioned subject areas
- Development of an (automated) touchscreen-based platform for conducting learning tasks with dogs and wolves
- Acquisition of third-party funding
- Independent preparation and delivery of courses in the English-taught Master's program Human-Animal Interaction (IMHAI), in accordance with the university's assignment
- Supervision of students (including office hours and examination duties), as well as supervision and guidance of doctoral candidates and students
- Participation in evaluation activities

- General administrative and organizational duties.

Necessary education, knowledge and qualifications

- Degree in biology or another Natural Science, as well as a completed PhD or Doctorate
- Extensive experience in the field of animal behavior and cognition or in data analysis techniques, evidenced by publications
- Very good English skills (C1)

Desireable qualifications, abilities and skills

- Proficiency in statistics and programming (e.g., R, Matlab, Python, Bonsai, etc.).
- Independent, precise, and solution-oriented working style
- Experience in experimental design and mentoring students
- Experience in obtaining funding and grants
- Excellent teamwork and communication skills, with high commitment and reliability

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 5.014,30 gross per month based on full-time employment (40 hours/week).

Applications

We shall be happy to receive your application, quoting **reference number 2026/0002**, 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 males 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. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact our disability liaison officer by email at bvp@vetmeduni.ac.at.

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<https://www.vetmeduni.ac.at/en/konrad-lorenz-institute-of-ethology/research/domestication-range-lab>