

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 **Clinical Centre for Equine Health and Research - Equine Internal Medicine, at the Clinical Department for Small Animals and Horses**, is looking for an

University Assistant (Post-Doc)

Grade:	B1 Post-Doc
Level of employment:	40 hours/week
Duration of contract:	4 years
Deadline for applications:	20.02.2026
Reference number:	2025/0281

Place of work: Campus Vienna and VetFarm

A postdoctoral position (University Assistant) is available in the Equine Internal Medicine Service at the Equine Clinical Centre of the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna. We are seeking a veterinarian with a completed doctoral degree and completed residency training (board-eligible) or Diplomate status (ECEIM/ACVIM-LA) who wishes to further develop clinically and scientifically in the next stage of their career. The position is limited to four years; the starting date is at the earliest opportunity or by mutual agreement.

We are looking for a highly motivated individual with a strong interest in equine emergency and critical care who enjoys working in an interdisciplinary clinical environment. The position includes a central professional role within the department's emergency and critical care service. This involves undertaking night and weekend duties as well as supervising interns and residents. In addition, active involvement in the organisation and further development of emergency and critical care structures is expected, including contribution to process optimisation, and quality assurance. A high level of independence, responsibility, and commitment to clinical patient care is required, together with a willingness to participate actively in the training of students, interns, and residents.

The successful candidate will contribute to the diagnosis and treatment of internal medical conditions in horses, to emergency and critical care, to clinical teaching, and to scientific work. The position offers the opportunity to develop an independent scientific profile; with successful acquisition of competitive third-party funding, scientific activities may progress towards habilitation. A high degree of initiative and motivation for research, teaching, and clinical work is expected.

The Equine Teaching Hospital is a high-caseload referral centre, managing approximately 800–1,000 internal medicine cases per year, with a predominant proportion of emergencies and critically ill patients. The clinic provides a broad spectrum of equine internal medicine services.

The university offers modern point-of-care diagnostics, a fully equipped central laboratory, and comprehensive imaging modalities at the level of a referral hospital. The anaesthesia team is available on an on-call basis for emergency services, as are the surgical team.

The Internal Medicine team consists of 12 veterinarians, including two residents and four diplomates ECEIM or ACVIM-LA. Clinic-wide, the team is supported by seven interns, a nursing team, and administrative staff totalling approximately 23 individuals, complemented by two farriers. The Internal Medicine on-call emergency service is covered by a team of six clinicians; interns are always on site, and residents and junior clinical assistants provide on-site coverage until midnight.

The position includes a research component of approximately one third of the working time. The successful candidate will have access to the university's central research infrastructure, including the VetCore Core Facility and a central biobank system. The Internal Medicine research group is supported by an experienced laboratory technician with expertise in cell culture and molecular biological methods and is active in the fields of dermatology, infectious diseases, and stress research. The clinic actively supports the further development of clinical expertise, including targeted training in Emergency & Critical Care.

The clinic maintains an interdisciplinary, friendly, and respectful team culture based on mutual support, constructive communication, and professional development. International applications are explicitly welcome, and the clinic provides an environment that fosters both scientific and clinical excellence.

Responsibilities and tasks

- Provision of clinical services in the Equine Internal Medicine Service, including high-quality management of both ambulatory and hospitalized patients.
- Central professional role in the emergency and critical care service, including night/weekend/on-call duties, as well as contribution to the organisation, process optimisation, and quality assurance of ECC structures.
- Participation in clinical teaching and delivery of courses for students, interns and residents in the relevant residency programmes.
- Opportunity to develop an independent research profile; with successful acquisition of competitive third-party funding, research activities may progress towards habilitation.
- Active representation of the service in interactions with clients, referring veterinarians, colleagues from other clinics and institutes within the university, students, and external visitors.

- Clinical service and teaching duties are to be delivered according to structured weekly schedules.

Necessary education, knowledge and qualifications

- Completed and recognised degree in veterinary medicine and a doctoral degree (PhD or Dr. med. vet.).
- Completed residency training in Equine or Large Animal Internal Medicine (ACVIM-LA or ECEIM), ensuring board-eligibility.
- Documented experience and advanced training in equine emergency and critical care.
- Strong team orientation, adequate clinical experience, high motivation for outstanding patient care, and excellent teaching skills for students, interns, and residents.
- Excellent communication skills within clinical, interprofessional, and educational contexts.
- Very good English language proficiency (C1)

Desireable qualifications, abilities and skills

- Completed specialist training in emergency and critical care (e.g. Diplomate ECVECC or ACVECC).
- Good German language skills (B2)
- Excellent communication skills
- Demonstrated strong team orientation, a high level of commitment to excellence in patient care, and outstanding teaching competence in the instruction of medical students, interns, and residents in an English-speaking academic environment.

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 2025/0281**, 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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