

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, at the 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 till 01.05.2026
Deadline for applications:	14.03.2026
Reference number:	2026/0060

Place of work: Savoyenstrasse 1, 1160 Vienna

We are seeking a highly motivated postdoctoral researcher for a short-term (~6 weeks) position focused on the quantitative analysis of existing multi-camera 3D video recordings of courtship displays of golden-collared manakins (*Manacus vitellinus*) and the preparation of a manuscript for submission.

The project centres on extracting and statistically analysing fine-scale kinematic and behavioural parameters from an established dataset to address questions related to sexual selection and display performance.

Responsibilities and tasks

- Analyse pre-collected 3D video datasets of courtship displays
- Extract and quantify kinematic and behavioural metrics using established workflows
- Conduct statistical analyses in R
- Lead the drafting, revision, and finalization of a manuscript for submission within the 6-week timeframe
- Coordinate efficiently with collaborators to ensure timely completion
- Support with general teaching and administrative tasks at the Konrad Lorenz Institute of Ethology

Necessary education, knowledge and qualifications

- PhD in behavioral ecology, ethology, evolutionary biology, or a related discipline
- Strong experience in quantitative analysis of 3D behavioral data
- Advanced proficiency in R
- Demonstrated experience writing and publishing scientific manuscripts
- Excellent skills in German (C1)

Desireable qualifications, abilities and skills

- Experience with kinematic data structures
- Solid theoretical background in sexual selection and courtship evolution
- Ability to work independently and deliver high-quality results under a short, intensive timeline
- Excellent teamwork and communication skills, with high commitment and reliability
- Good skills in English (B2)

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 2026/0060**, 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.

Further information

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