



At the University of Vienna (15 faculties, 3 centers, about 188 fields of study, approx. 9.400 members of staff, more than 90.000 students) the following position is vacant

University Assistant (“post doc”) at the Department of Behavioural Biology

This 6-year position is announced by Prof. Dr. Sonia Kleindorfer and shall intensify the cooperation between the Departments of Cognitive Biology and Behavioural Biology at the Konrad Lorenz Research Station Grünau.

We search for a researcher with expertise in bioacoustics and a sincere interest in studying animals in their natural environments, notably ravens and greylag geese, but also Darwin’s finches on the Galapagos Islands. The candidate would be encouraged to design a research program on aspects of avian ontogeny including vocal and/or cognitive development from egg to adult. The successful candidate will be primarily based at the Konrad Lorenz Research Station, Grünau im Almtal, Austria with opportunity to use aviaries and facilities (e.g. MRI, X-ray) in Vienna for aspects of experimental research. Preference will be given to applicants with expertise in field work, bioacoustics, and avian ontogeny.

Extent of Employment: 40.0 hours/week. Occupation group in accordance with collective bargaining agreement §48 VwGr. B1 lit. b (postdoc). On top of this, relevant chargeable work experience determines the assessment to a particular salary grade.

Areas of work:

The successful candidate is expected to design, procure and direct research projects and publish results in peer-reviewed journals. Furthermore, the candidate is expected to collaborate and support already ongoing projects in our teams and participate in student supervision, teaching and research administration in accordance with the provision of the collective agreement.

Profile:

- PhD in the field of Biology, Psychology, or related disciplines
- Experience in conducting research projects on animal communication and/or avian development
- Experience recording and analyzing avian vocalizations (proficiency with Raven and Amadeus Pro)
- Willingness to assume the responsibility of team leadership
- Documented publication activity in peer-reviewed journals
- Excellent command of written and verbal English language
- It is beneficial if the candidate has basic knowledge of the German language

In addition, we expect the successful candidate to have

- Experience in field work
- Organizational and communication skills
- Experience in acquiring third-party funding
- Experience in university teaching, and in the co-supervision of students
- Hands-on mentality

Application documents:

- Letter of motivation - Academic curriculum vitae (including a list of publications, a list of courses and a list of talks given) - Description of research interests and research agenda / of the intended habilitation project (if applicable) - Contact details of people who could provide a letter of reference. For further information please contact our coordinator Petra Pesak, MSc (petra.pesak@univie.ac.at). A full set of application documents (compiled in one pdf file not larger than 2 MB) should be sent to her, not later than June 30th 2019.

The University pursues a non-discriminatory employment policy and values equal opportunities, as well as diversity (<http://diversity.univie.ac.at/>). The University lays special emphasis on increasing the number of women in senior and in academic positions. Given equal qualifications, preference will be given to female applicants.