

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)

<b>Grade:</b>	B1 Post-Doc
<b>Level of employment:</b>	20 hours/week
<b>Duration of contract:</b>	Limited until 31.12.2026
<b>Deadline for applications:</b>	1.2.2025
<b>Reference number:</b>	2024/0286

Place of work: Vetmeduni 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, under the leadership of Prof. Friederike Range. 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

- Collaboration and independent management of research projects in the above-mentioned fields, particularly concerning the animals at the CF-WSC.
- Analysis of long-term datasets on wolves and dogs and publication of the results.
- Acquisition of third-party funding.
- Independent preparation and conducting of courses as assigned by the university.
- Supervision of students (including holding office hours and conducting examinations), as well as the supervision and guidance of doctoral- and diploma students.
- Participation in evaluation measures.
- Supervision and evaluation of academic theses, particularly diploma theses.
- General administrative and organizational tasks

### Necessary education, knowledge and qualifications

- Completed degree and PhD or Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine, Biology, Psychology

- Extensive experience in the field of animal behavior and cognition or in data analysis techniques, evidenced by publications.
- Very good English skills (C1)

### **Desirable 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 4,932.90 gross per month (based on full-time employment).

### **Applications**

We shall be happy to receive your application, quoting **reference number 2024/0286**, by e-mail to [bewerbungen@vetmeduni.ac.at](mailto: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 male 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.

**Further information**

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