

# PhD position in Animal Behaviour: Avian pair-bond behaviour and social dynamics in a comparative setting, supported by citizen scientists

Core Facility KLF for Behaviour and Cognition, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Vienna. Deadline: November 10<sup>th</sup> 2017



At the University of Vienna (15 faculties, 4 centres, about 188 fields of study, approx. 9.400 members of staff, more than 90.000 students) the following position is vacant

### PhD Candidate (m/f) in Animal Behaviour

The research group of Dr. Didone Frigerio at the Core Facility KLF (Konrad Lorenz Forschungsstelle) for Behaviour and Cognition has funding available for a three year PhD position in Animal Behaviour. The PhD candidate will be part of a new working group applying citizen science to behavioural research in close collaboration with the long-term partner of the KLF, the Cumberland Wildpark. The candidate should develop his/her own project using three avian model species (greylag geese, ravens, northern bald ibises) within this framework.

The 3-year PhD position is granted for 20 hours/week and includes free accommodation at the Konrad Lorenz Research Station at Grünau (about 230 km west of Vienna).

The PhD candidate will be embedded in the newly founded Vienna Doctoral School (VDS) for Cognition, Behaviour and Neuroscience (CoBeNe) at the University of Vienna. The main goal of VDS CoBeNe is quality assurance in PhD training and education. In addition the organization stands for promotion of inter- and trans-disciplinary knowledge exchange.

#### Profile

- Above average masters degree in either zoology, psychology, engineering, or computer science
- Proficient knowledge of English
- Excellent academic standing
- Research experience in analysis of animal behaviour
- Strong computational skills
- Genuine interest in studying behaviour under field-like conditions
- Outstanding social competence, ability to work in a team

#### Further desirable qualifications

- Publications in international, peer-reviewed journals
- Previous experience with citizen science related issues
- Previous experience in working in a research team
- Knowledge of German is beneficial

Letters of application including CV, photograph, 2 letters of recommendation and a statement of research interests should be sent to Mrs. Sigrid Hager by email ([vds.cobene@univie.ac.at](mailto:vds.cobene@univie.ac.at)) until November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Planned starting date is January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

The University of Vienna promotes the employment of women in fields of work in which they are underrepresented and therefore encourages qualified women to apply to this opening. Disabled people will be preferentially treated if qualified.