The University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna is active in teaching and research and provides services in connection with ensuring animal health in Austria. These tasks represent our contribution to maintaining the health of humans and their animal companions as well as to producing healthy food.

To strengthen our team, the Institute of Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare (part of the Department for Farm Animals and Veterinary Public health) is looking for a

**Postdoctoral Researcher in Animal Welfare**

**Grade:** PostDoc/B1  
**Level of employment:** 40 hours  
**Length of employment:** 4 years  
**Deadline for applications:** 01.11.2017

The Institute of Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare is part of Vetmeduni, ranked 8th worldwide (2017 Shanghai Ranking for Universities, Veterinary Sciences) and located in Vienna, consistently ranking as one of the most livable cities in the world.

**Responsibilities**

The position forms part of a new research program on prosocial behaviour and neuroscience in domestic animals, a growing topic of research, with an emphasis on positive welfare states. You should be motivated, independent and with a problem-solving mind to use new approaches and solutions. You will have resources at your disposal to develop innovative ideas, in collaboration and self-contained, and lead research to benefit animal welfare, supported by a multi-disciplinary approach (behaviour, physiology, neuroscience) and national and international collaborations. The work will be conducted in English. The position has longer-term possibilities based on subsequent grant funding. The start date is December 2017 but a later starting date is negotiable.

**Necessary knowledge and qualifications**

- A PhD in a relevant area of biology  
- An understanding and past experience in animal behaviour research  
- Experience in the supervision of research students  
- Publication track-record of high quality

**Desired skills and abilities**

- Expertise in social behaviour  
- Knowledge of neuroscience techniques  
- Experience in physiological laboratory techniques  
- Ability to design research projects  
- Successful management of research projects and teamwork  
- Knowledge of statistical analysis  
- Ability to link and communicate with industry and society  
- Ability to work independently and in a team  
- Interest for inter-disciplinary research
**Contact /Further Information**

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**Minimum salary**

The minimum salary for university staff is regulated by the collective contract and at the level given above amounts to EUR 3,626.60 gross per month (14 times/year, equal to EUR 50,772 gross yearly). The minimum salary may be increased when previous employment and other salary components are taken into account.

**Applications**

Please submit a letter addressing the selection criteria above (necessary knowledge and qualifications, desired skills and abilities) in a few pages, a full CV, a list of three references and a letter of motivation describing your research interests, experience and goals.

Please submit applications quoting the reference number 2017/1007 via e-mail (preferably) to bewerbungen@vetmeduni.ac.at or by post to the Personnel Department of the University of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinärplatz 1, 1210 Vienna. Please do not forget to include the reference number or we shall be unable to relate your application to the correct vacancy announcement.

The Vetmeduni Vienna is attempting to increase the proportion of female staff, particularly in senior positions, and in accordance with § 41 of the 2002 Universities Act it is striving to attain a balanced representation of men and women, especially on its scientific staff. Applications from qualified women are thus particularly welcomed. If women are underrepresented (below 50%), female applicants who are as well qualified as the best qualified male applicants will be given preference, provided that there are no strong reasons for favouring a particular male candidate.

Applicants have no entitlement to reimbursement of any travel or accommodation costs they may incur as a result of the application procedure.

The Vetmeduni Vienna is proud to have been awarded the certificate “hochschuleundfamilie” (career and family). We should thus be especially pleased to receive applications from people with families. Applications from persons with disabilities are similarly welcome.