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The University of Vienna is internationally renowned for its excellence in teaching and research, and counts more than 7,500 academics from all disciplines. This breadth of expertise offers unique opportunities to address the complex challenges of modern society, to develop comprehensive new approaches, and educate the problem-solvers of tomorrow from a multidisciplinary perspective.

At the Faculty of Life Sciences, the University of Vienna seeks to appoint a

Endowed Professor of Zoo Conservation Science

(full time, limited to a period of 5 years)

The position:

The successful candidate qualifies by an outstanding and internationally recognized research portfolio in animal behavior and its related fields, with a focus on animal conservation in modern zoological gardens and aquariums and its contribution to international species conservation. The competences of the candidate should complement existing strengths in the Department of Behavioral & Cognitive Biology, at the Faculty of Life Sciences of the University of Vienna. Experience with integrating approaches and bridging between research institutions are highly desirable. Strong commitment to the further development of the discipline Zoo Conservation Science, especially with regard to the long-term management of healthy ex-situ animal-populations, is expected. The successful candidate is expected to participate in the curricula of BSc, MSc and PhD programs of University of Vienna. Although teaching is partly in German, the University of Vienna is committed to expand English teaching.

Your academic profile:

- PhD and post-doctoral experience
- Outstanding research and publication record, with an excellent reputation as an active member in the international academic community (Habilitation (*venia docendi*) or equivalent international qualification in the relevant field)
- Proven leadership qualities
- Gender and diversity competence
- Experience in designing and managing large and international research projects
- Enthusiasm for excellent teaching and supervision at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral level
- A history of integrating different methodological approaches, experience with bridging between research institutions but also conservation organizations, and a lively interest in studying animals in natural and zoo environments
- Basic German language skills

We offer:

- a dynamic research environment

- a wide range of research and teaching support services
- attractive working conditions in a city with a high quality of life
- an attractive salary according to the [Collective Bargaining Agreement for University Staff](#) (\$99.1 UG, to be negotiated individually) and an organizational retirement plan
- a “start-up package”, in particular for the initiation of research projects
- the position is limited to 5 years
- comprehensive support and cooperation by Tiergarten Schönbrunn, also providing a strong international network of leading international Zoo and Aquariums, as well as conservation NGO’s and scientific institutes

Application documents:

Please submit a **single PDF file** (LastName_FirstName.pdf) containing the following information in English via e-mail to the Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences of the University of Vienna, Karl-Heinz Wagner, (dekanat.lewi@univie.ac.at):

1. **Letter of motivation**
2. **Academic curriculum vitae**
 - education and training
 - positions held to date
 - relevant parental, family or other care times
 - awards and honors
 - commissions of trust
 - previous and current cooperation partners
 - list of most important acquired third-party funding as principal investigator, and, if applicable, of inventions/patents
 - list of most important scientific talks (max. 10)
 - teaching and mentoring
 - supervision experience (Master and PhD)
3. **List of publications and a link to your ORCID record**
4. **Research statement**
 - most important research achievements (max. 2 pages) and planned future research activities (max. 4 pages)
 - synopsis of five key publications with relevance to the position advertised
5. **Teaching and supervision statement**
 - teaching and supervision concept, including a description of the previous and planned priorities in academic teaching and supervision (max. 2 pages)

Appendices to application document (in a single PDF or ZIP file named “LastName_FirstName_Appendices.pdf/zip”):

- a. **Five key publications as electronic full text version** (if not publicly available)
- b. **Teaching evaluations** (if available, compiled into a single PDF file)
- c. **Copies of certificates of academic degrees** (mandatory, compiled into a single PDF file)

The University of Vienna has an anti-discriminatory employment policy and attaches great importance to equal opportunities, the [advancement of women](#) and [diversity](#). We lay special emphasis on increasing the number of women in senior and in academic positions among the academic and general university staff and therefore expressly encourage qualified women to apply. Given equal qualifications, preference will be given to female candidates.

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