Job posting

Type of position
- ☒ scientific
- ☒ administrative

Target group
- ☐ graduates
- ☐ post docs
- ☐ other

Title
International Fieldwork Coordinator at the Dept. ‘Ecology of Animal Societies’

Institution
The University of Konstanz is one of eleven Universities of Excellence in Germany. Since 2007 it has been successful in the German Excellence Initiative and its follow-up programme, the Excellence Strategy. The newly founded Department for the Ecology of Animal Societies led by Prof. Meg Crofoot is a joint institution of the University of Konstanz with the nearby Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior and has close ties to the University’s Centre for the Advanced Study of Collective Behaviour.

Position
The department embraces an explicitly collaborative approach to scientific exploration. Its multidisciplinary team works together to develop new ways of measuring, analyzing and interpreting the behaviour of socially complex animal species in ecologically and evolutionarily relevant field settings. To understand the causes and consequences of social variation, the department takes comparative approach, analyzing social interactions—from dyad to group to population—within and between species. Our working language is English and consequently applicants must be fluent in this language. We are searching for an International Fieldwork Coordinator who will work with members of the department to facilitate our field-based research. The successful candidate will be the central contact person for all international field research activities and animal experiments and will support department scientists in research planning, permissions, logistics and reporting. In addition to the coordination and organization of the departmental activities at the different international field sites, she/he will be responsible for implementing safety trainings and protocols and ensuring compliance with national and international regulatory requirements. We seek a candidate who is committed to supporting and potentiating our worldclass research programme, has strong organizational skills, and has a demonstrated capacity for effective cross-cultural communication. Prior experience with international, field-based research in ecology, animal behaviour or related fields is desirable, as are Spanish, French and/or Swahili language skills.

Responsibilities
- Coordination of the departmental activities at international field sites
- Support in planning and organizing animal experiments and field trips, including required licenses and ethical approvals
- Ensuring compliance with international and national regulatory requirements
- Supporting the drafting of international collaboration agreements
- First point of contact for international partners
- Coordination of safety trainings, implementation of safety protocols and fieldwork emergency support response
• Support in export control including logistics
• Documentation and archiving of research records and experimental data
• Coordinate workshops (e.g., ethics, safety)
• Manage the research equipment inventory and deployment
• Assist in the development of collaborative agreements and serve as the primary liaison between the various international field sites and the University of Konstanz and the Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior

Requirements
• Graduate degree (Master or PhD level) in biology, ecology, anthropology, or a related field
• Excellent interpersonal and intercultural skills, and a desire to work as part of a service oriented team
• Ability to work with the Director as part of a leadership team
• Strong organizational and communication skills
• Experience in international field work and/or environment
• Knowledge of animal ethics beneficial
• Excellent English and German skills in speaking and writing

Application procedure (deadline etc.)
All applications and supporting materials, including a letter of motivation describing your relevant experience, a curriculum vitae, and contact information for two professional references (one of whom is familiar with your organizational skills) must be submitted in English via our Online Application Portal. Further details see https://stellen.uni-konstanz.de/jobposting/2a8fbc4905cd08d6794620397a745b799ede7420

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