

PhD Position in Cognitive Biology

The Department of Cognitive Biology, laboratory of Tecumseh Fitch, has funding available for a three-year PhD position in **Bioacoustics**. The lab conducts behavioral experiments with a diverse group of species, including birds (ravens, parrots) and mammals (chimpanzees, other nonhuman primates, and humans), and research in both cognition and acoustic communication. For the current position a strong background in speech science, animal bioacoustics and/or signal processing is desirable.

The 3-year PhD position is fully paid (30 hours/week) and is based at the Department of Cognitive Biology at the University of Vienna, Austria (<http://cogbio.univie.ac.at/>). The candidate will be supervised by Prof. Tecumseh Fitch.

Letters of application including CV, photograph, publication list, 2-3 letters of recommendation and a statement of research interests should be sent to Dr. Drasko Boko by E-mail (drasko.boko@univie.ac.at). The application deadline is December 31st, 2011. Planned interview dates are in mid/end January 2012. Planned starting date is March 1st, 2012.

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.

Required qualifications

- A master or an equivalent in Biology or related field (speech science, engineering)
- Excellent knowledge of English
- Research experience in animal behaviour
- Knowledge of acoustic communication
- Strong quantitative and computer skills
- Endurance

Beneficial (but not required) qualifications

- Experience of designing and conducting behavioral experiments
- Lab/field experience
- Applicants with prior publications will be favored
- Computer programming (Python, Matlab, C, etc.)