

Animal Minds Project e.V.

The “Animal Minds Project e.V.” advertises 3 postdoc stipends associated to the Comparative Cognition Group at the Max Planck Institute for Ornithology (MPIO) in Seewiesen (located near Starnberg, about 50 km from Munich), an internationally renowned research institution with more than 200 employees working in four departments and nine research groups. The research group of Comparative Cognition runs a research station in collaboration with the Loro Parque Fundación (LPF) on Tenerife, Spain where comparative cognitive studies on parrots and other animals can be carried out. In this regard, “Animal Minds Project e.V.” invites applications for

2 postdoctoral stipends in parrot comparative cognition.

The 2 stipends provide an opportunity to carry out research projects on the evolution and mechanisms of complex cognition in parrots (and corvids) using a comparative approach. The successful candidate will join the Comparative Cognition Group and therefore be affiliated scientifically to the Max-Planck-Institute for Ornithology. (S)he will have access to the greatest parrot collection in the world comprising over 350 (sub)species of parrots and a laboratory with ca. 40 trained parrots (touch screen, exchange paradigm etc.) of 4 species. This allows comparative cognitive studies at a new scale and on a new large-brained model system.

1 postdoctoral stipend on delphinid cognition and vocal learning.

This stipend is intended to allow research on vocal learning ability and cognition of delphinids. The successful candidate obtains access to the necessary research equipment and subjects kept in Zoos and will be affiliated to the Max-Planck-Institute of Ornithology (Comparative Cognition Group).

Application requirements and selection criteria:

Applicants should hold a PhD in animal cognition or experimental/developmental psychology, and have two years of Postdoc research experience in animal cognition and/or developmental psychology of human children and should be qualified by a good publication record. Good statistical skills in relevant subjects are desirable. High self-motivation and ability to work independently and in a team are an absolute must. Additionally, the position requires team-leading skills, good organization and time management skills and writing proficiency. Basic knowledge of Spanish is helpful. The candidates will be selected according to their scientific qualification and proposed project.

The starting date will be from April 2018 but ideally no later than September 2018. The monthly stipend for a full time engagement on Tenerife will be up to € 2,325.- .The stipend is available initially for two years but can be extended subject to satisfactory performance. For further information, please contact: info@animalminds.org.

Applications can be made both in English or German Language. Qualified women in particular are encouraged to apply. Please submit a cover letter (describing your research interests, experience and goals), a short description of your proposed research project, your CV, copies of degree certificates and a list of two references as one single PDF via e-mail to: info@animalminds.org

Deadline for applications: 28.03.2018