



Postdoc position on innovation in corvids

We invite applications for a **Postdoctoral Researcher position** starting on **October 1st, 2026**.

You will join our international research group and take over tasks like:

- Planning and execution of observational and experimental approaches, using a variety of non-invasive techniques
- Statistical analyses of multi-level data
- Publication of research results in international scientific journals

This position is part of the FWF Emerging Fields project “Comparative Ecological Innovation Styles” (CEIS) funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF). We investigate how different body structures, ecological niches and cognitive abilities shape the emergence of novel behaviours. Focusing on corvids, the PhD project will combine behavioural experiments and cognitive testing to examine individual and species-level differences in innovation, problem-solving and behavioural flexibility. The successful candidate will be integrated into the group of Ass.-Prof. Barbara Klump at the Department of Behavioral and Cognitive Biology (<https://becogbio.univie.ac.at/>) and work in close collaborations with the other researchers involved in the CEIS project. We expect you to actively participate in research activities and dissemination of research results. The working language of the Department is English.

What we offer:

Salary: According to the §48 VwGr. B1 lit. b (postdoc), currently approx. € 5014,30 gross/month, based on 40h/week, 14 times a year

Duration: initially for 2 years with a possible extension for a further 3 years

Your profile:

Must-haves:

- PhD in Biology, Zoology, Psychology or a related discipline
- Proven ability to publish and present at a high international level
- Previous experience in designing and conducting cognitive experiments
- Strong statistical analytical and computational skills
- Supervision experience
- Ability to work independently and as part of an international research team
- Excellent command of written and spoken English
- Willingness to commute to the Haidlhof Research Station in Bad Vöslau, Lower Austria.

Nice to have:

- Experience working with birds in captive settings
- Knowledge of German is an advantage but not required

To apply:

Please send to barbara.klump@univie.ac.at by July 24th 2026:

- Letter of motivation (max 2 pages) including a brief summary of your research interests
- Your scientific CV including list of publications and names and email addresses of three references
- Doctoral degree certificate

For further information about the project, please contact Dr. Barbara Klump:
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