PhD Position in Primatology

We are looking for ambitious, highly motivated applicants for two four-year PhD positions to work in the Evolutionary Cognition Group (http://www.aim.uzh.ch/de/research/ecg.html) of the Department of Anthropology, University of Zurich.

In the Swiss National Foundation (SNF) project "All together now – cooperation beyond the dyad" we examine the influence of third parties on cooperation and its proximate hormonal underpinnings. We also investigate potential links between within-group coordination and between group conflict. The focus is on callitrichid monkeys and broad phylogenetic species comparisons. The callitrichid work will be conducted at the primate station of the Anthropological Institute in Zurich and complemented by observations and experiments in the wild. The comparative studies will be conducted in various facilities, including public zoos.

You will be working in an international, multidisciplinary team of primatologists and psychologists at one of Europe's leading institutions in this field. Interested applicants should hold the equivalent of a Master's degree and have a strong background and interest in primatology, psychology, and evolutionary anthropology. We expect a very good academic track record and fluency in written and spoken English and. Preference is given to applicants with advanced skills in statistical data analysis, experience in callitrichid field work and/or experience in cognitive and psychological testing of nonverbal subjects.

Candidates should send a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, a transcript of the university diplomas, contact information for three references, and a summary of the Master's thesis (all combined to a single PDF) to Judith Burkart at Judith.burkart@aim.uzh.ch. The application deadline is July 15, 2017, the start of the project is planned for September 1, 2017.

For further information, please contact Judith Burkart.

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