

The Kurtz lab "Evolutionary Ecology of Animals", in the Institute for Evolution and Biodiversity at the University of Muenster, Germany, invites applications for a

Postdoctoral Research Associate
(salary level 13 TV-L, 100%)

The position will begin at the earliest possible date, and the initial contract will last for a period of three years. It is possible to extend the position for a further three years. The regular working time for a full (100%) position is currently 39 hours and 50 minutes per week. As a rule, vacancies can also be filled as part-time positions unless there are compelling reasons for not doing so in individual cases.

The successful applicant is expected to set up his/her own work group and independently raise third-party funding. The position is thus equivalent to an Assistant Professor (non-tenure track).

The job holder should work in the field of evolution and ecology of immune systems or host-parasite co-evolution. Applicants should have an academic degree and a doctorate in biology. Experience with immunological, parasitological, molecular or genomic methods is an advantage.

The Kurtz lab addresses a variety of questions in the field of evolution of immune systems and host-parasite relationships. The research interests of the very international group range from experimental evolution and immunological/molecular processes to behavioral adaptation. In addition to flour beetles, sticklebacks and copepods also serve as host organisms. Experience with one of these organisms is advantageous but not absolutely necessary. In addition to conducting research, the successful applicant will also be involved in teaching in the fields of animal zoology and evolutionary ecology.

The University of Muenster is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to increasing the proportion of women academics. Consequently, we actively encourage applications by women. Female candidates with equivalent qualifications and academic achievements will be preferentially considered within the framework of the legal possibilities. We also welcome applications from candidates with severe disabilities. Disabled candidates with equivalent qualifications will be preferentially considered.

Please send your application by **13 December 2019** with your curriculum vitae, list of publications, a brief description of your research interests and the contact details of three possible reviewers (as a single PDF file by email) to:

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