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PhD position in chimpanzee cognition (Budongo Forest, Uganda)

We are looking for someone to reinforce our research team on the evolutionary origins of human cognition. The research project is to investigate how wild chimpanzees communicate in socially-directed ways, in particular to enable cooperative interactions. Research questions can be addressed with both behavioural observations and field experiments. The successful candidate is expected to play a leading role in the study design.

We aim to shortlist applicants with an MSc degree, a relevant training background (biology, psychology, anthropology or similar), strong interest in animal cognition and advanced scientific writing and data analysis skills. Of additional relevance are field experience and strong reference letters.

The successful candidate is expected to work full-time on research, with modest teaching and administrative obligations. The project will require 18-24 months of fieldwork, split into 2-3 periods. The position is fully funded for a maximum of 4 years, with a budget for travel expenses and equipment.

The successful candidate will join an interdisciplinary team of researchers working on the origins and future of language (www.evolvinglanguage.ch). The project will be co-supervised by Klaus Zuberbühler (Univ. of Neuchatel) and Josep Call (Univ. of St Andrews), based at the University of Neuchatel with the possibility of establishing a cotutelle with the University of St Andrews.

Please email your application as a merged pdf file, consisting of a 1-page cover letter, 1-page CV and contact details of two referees to klaus.zuberbuehler@unine.ch

There is no deadline. We will review applications until the position is filled. The earliest possible start date is 1 December 2021 (negotiable).

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