



### Open Rank Position (PhD or Postdoc) in Primate Proto-Normativity

We are looking for a PhD or postdoc researcher to investigate socio-vocal norms in monkeys and apes. In particular, we are interested in responses to violations of putative behavioural vs communicative norms in marmosets and chimpanzees under captive settings.

The position is funded by the National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR) Evolving Language [www.evolvinglanguage.ch](http://www.evolvinglanguage.ch), a Swiss consortium with the ambitious goal of creating a new discipline, Evolutionary Language Science, that targets the past and future of language. The consortium consists of leading scientists from traditionally separated academic domains, which allows us to harvest the diverse expertise from the humanities, social sciences, computational sciences, natural sciences and medicine towards a broadscale interdisciplinary collaboration.

The successful candidate is expected to

- be interested in animal cognition/communication, linguistic theory and cognitive science
- conduct playback experiments and implement gaze tracking and/or thermography measures with great apes and marmosets
- hold a MSc or PhD degree in a relevant discipline
- possess a solid background in statistics and data processing
- be fluent in English (oral, written)

The candidate for this project will be supervised by Profs. Simon Townsend (UZH), Klaus Zuberbühler (University of Neuchâtel) and Judith Burkart (UZH). The earliest start of the position is June 2024 (negotiable). Salary is according to the pay scale of the Swiss National Science Foundation. The position is available until filled; we will start reviewing applications from **April 15, 2024**.

To apply, please compile the following documents into a single PDF labelled 'YourSurname.pdf' and send it to Simon W. Townsend, [simonwilliam.townsend@uzh.ch](mailto:simonwilliam.townsend@uzh.ch)

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Publication list
- Contact details of two referees

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