



Open Rank Position (PhD or Postdoc)

We are looking for a PhD or postdoc researcher to investigate call combinations in common marmosets at the Department of Evolutionary Anthropology, University of Zurich. These monkeys frequently produce combinations across a variety of contexts, some of which are also further internally structured. In this project, we further probe the precise nature, cognitive mechanisms and functional effects of such combinations.

The position is funded by the National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR) [Evolving Language](#), 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
- possess a solid background in statistics and data processing
- collect marmoset vocalizations across diverse social contexts at the Department's Primate Station to complement existing data sets
- hold a MSc or PhD degree in a relevant discipline
- be fluent in English (oral, written)

The candidate for this project will be supervised by Profs. [Judith Burkart](#) and [Simon Townsend](#) (UZH) at the Department of Evolutionary Anthropology, in collaboration with additional NCCR PIs. 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 Judith Burkart, judith.burkart@aim.uzh.ch

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

We take gender balance and diversity seriously in hiring decisions.