



The Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior at its sites in Konstanz and Radolfzell offers an international, interdisciplinary, and collaborative environment that opens up unique research opportunities. The goal of our basic research is to develop a quantitative and predictive understanding of the decisions and movements of animals in their natural environment.

For the Development and Evolution of Cognition Research Group at the Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior we are looking to fill the following positions **starting in February 2021**. The workplace will be primarily in **Konstanz**.

2 Technician Assistants (m/f/d)

(100 %)

Background:

The work of the Development and Evolution of Cognition Research Group is largely based on orangutan behavioral research. We have more than a decade of data on wild orangutans to work with (collected at the Suaq Balimbing monitoring station in Sumatra, Indonesia) and will soon start data collection on orangutans in different zoos. Our work in Indonesia is implemented by the SUAQ orangutan research and conservation project (suaq.org). Our team is currently being established and for 2021 it will include 3 technicians, PhD, Master, and Bachelor students.

Your tasks:

The two positions advertised here will focus on work around four major areas: 1) Entering and organizing different types of data that were collected in the field, processing already entered data, as well as maintaining and expanding our MySQL orangutan behavioral data base. 2) Collecting behavioral and laser photogrammetry data on orangutans in different zoos. 3) Contributing to different scientific papers, in the form of data wrangling, analyses etc., according to the skills of the applicant. 4) Public outreach and administration work for the SUAQ project, and research administration.

Your profile:

- State accreditation as a technician assistant **or** appropriate qualifications based on your professional experience **or** a university degree in biology, psychology, or a related field
- Strong interest in orangutan behavior
- Good team player who likes to be part of and contributing to different aspects of the research process
- Very good verbal and written language skills in English
- Good knowledge of MS Office applications and R programming language
- Experience with collecting and analyzing animal behavioral data
- Eye for detail and ability to work precisely
- Patience and stamina for detail work
- Good organizing skills

Additional skills that would be useful for the position:

- Knowledge of our orangutan data collection protocols
- Knowledge of the Indonesian language
- Knowledge of statistical analysis techniques
- GPS data handling experience
- Knowledge of MySQL, Python, or other programming languages
- Experience with graphic design and photographs
- Writing skills (mainly English but also German and Indonesian)
- Experience with/ interest in conservation/ NGO work
- Experience with laser photogrammetry measurements

We are not looking for somebody with all these skills, but we aim at building a team with a good mix of talents.

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Our offer:

The positions will start in **February 2021**, limited for **1 year** with possible extension. We offer an interesting job in an open-minded team, a responsible and varied workplace in a growing interdisciplinary and international research institute. The payment is made in accordance with your experience and qualification and the collective agreement for the public service (TVÖD-Bund), but not higher than the salary group **9a**.

Questions about this position will be answered by **Dr. Caroline Schuppli** (cschuppli@ab.mpg.de).

The Max Planck Society endeavors to employ more severely disabled people. Applications of severely disabled persons are expressly welcome. The Max Planck Society strives for gender and diversity equality. We welcome applications from all backgrounds.

Are you interested? Then we are looking forward to receiving your application until **December 23, 2020** with your CV, the contact information of two references and a short motivation letter. With the motivation letter, you should introduce yourself and list the relevant skills that you would bring to the team.

Please submit your application documents under the following link:

https://s-lotus.gwdg.de/mpg/maor/perso/ornr_w009.nsf/application



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