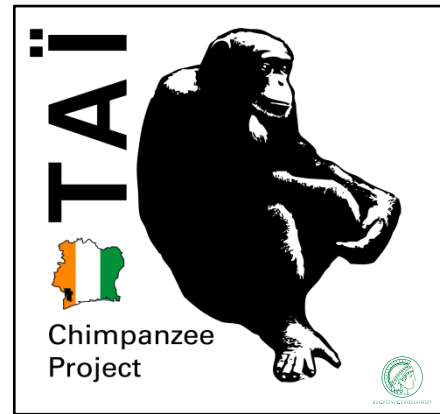




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## **TWO RESEARCH POSITIONS**

### **TOPIC: Assessment of communication capacities in chimpanzees under natural and under zoo conditions**

We are offering a project funded research position for 20 months (1.5.2019 – 31.12.2020) working on specific aspects of a larger project that examines brain connectomics in hominoids.

The successful candidate for this research position will assess communication capacities during development as well as within adult wild chimpanzees and bonobos. A second researcher will collect vocalisations from Zoo and Sanctuary populations to assess the same capacities in these populations.

The candidates are expected to be expected to collect and record vocalisations of high quality and do behavioural observations. Extensive stays in Africa and Zoos / Sanctuaries away from Leipzig are expected to collect data. Data analysis will be conducted afterwards in Leipzig.

#### **Qualification and requirements**

MSc (or comparable degree) in Biology, evolutionary Anthropology or evolutionary Psychology. Good knowledge in evolutionary biology, animal behavior and ecology are crucial for a successful application. Previous observations and detailed behavioural data collection on wild (or zoo living) primates are of advantage. The candidate will need to work independently in a remote and physically demanding tropical forest habitat (or a frequently changing zoo environments), following a predefined protocol. Good social skills are important to work and live amongst a group of international colleagues with different cultural backgrounds.

The successful candidate is fluent in English, conversational in French, and has previous experience in field research and team management.

### Salary / funding

The candidate will be supported by a service contract.

### Start and term of appointment

Starting May 2019, or as soon as possible afterwards.

### Comments

Applications include a cover letter stating research experience, field experience, a detailed curriculum vitae, a short research proposal (2 pages) and the names and e-mail addresses of three referees. The application documents should be sent electronically to [wittig@eva.mpg.de](mailto:wittig@eva.mpg.de) and [crockford@eva.mpg.de](mailto:crockford@eva.mpg.de). Application deadline is March 15, 2019 or until position is filled thereafter.

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