



VETERINARY POSITIONS WITH WILD APES

INCLUDING A PHD OPTION:

We are looking for veterinaries / pathologists / biologists, with a strong interest in animal pathology and wildlife health, for the following positions:

1. **Veterinary position** (2 years fix term) at the **Taï Chimpanzee Project** in Ivory Coast with an option to **collect data** for a **PhD in wildlife health / pathogens** (additional 1 + 1 year) with supervisor PD Dr. Fabian Leendertz (Robert Koch Institute).
2. **Veterinary Assistant positions** (1 year fix term) on a **voluntary basis** with several field sites or sanctuaries within the **Brain Network** of the 'Evolution of Brain Connectivity' Project (for example: Kokolopori Bonobo Project, DRC; Loango Chimpanzee Project, Gabon; Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary, Sierra Leone; and more).

The veterinary positions are part of a larger interdisciplinary project investigating the evolution of brain connectivity (EBC) in hominoids. EBC seeks further understanding of the brains of chimpanzees and other non-human primates, especially the communication, tool use and social cognition pathways. Using the comparative approach and our understanding of chimpanzee and monkey behavior, results will assist our understanding of the evolution of structures and functions of the human brain.

Responsibilities:

- Necropsies of deceased primates (mostly apes) including brain extraction, fixation, storage and shipment to Germany.
- Health surveillance on primates and other mammals, collection of fecal and urine samples for pathogen analysis
- Focal following of habituated chimpanzees and bonobos including the collection of behavioural data.



- For the veterinary position at Tai: being part of the management group responsible for the running of the field site (responsible for health and hygiene rules, organization of health monitor, lab organization, etc.)

Qualifications and Requirements

The field work requires good physical condition, the ability to work independently and involves some management work. Good oral French and English language skills are required. A veterinary degree, a degree in animal pathology or biology with a focus on pathology is conditional.

A preparation course in the protocols of the brain project and necropsy procedures will be given at the Robert Koch Institute in Berlin (4 – 6 weeks for people applying for a PhD and 2 weeks for assistants).

Salary and Funding

- Tai veterinary position: 50% vet position (ca. 1300 € / month)
- Vet Assistant: reimbursement of

Start and Term of Appointments

- TCP veterinary position WITH PhD option: Starting August 2021
- Veterinary Assistant position (this summer / autumn – depending on position - negotiable)

Comments

Applications including a cover letter stating research experience and interest, detailed curriculum vitae, and the names and e-mail addresses of three referees should be sent electronically to taichimpproject@eva.mpg.de. Application deadline is 15 October 2020 or until position is filled thereafter.

Interviews will be held by the end of October 2020.

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