

The University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna (Vetmeduni) is an internationally renowned centre of excellence for teaching and research in veterinary medicine as well as a soughtafter partner for cooperation. The modern campus accommodates teaching and research facilities as well as the only veterinary teaching and research hospital in Austria and is the workplace of around 2,300 students and 1,400 staff. Vetmeduni distinguishes itself by striving for excellence in its teaching and research activities as well as in its service units and through its continuous dialogue with society.

**The Institute of Virology at the Department for Pathobiology, area of mechanisms and dynamics of viral infections, is looking for a**

## Assistant Professor

**in accordance with the appointment procedure for Assistant Professors established by § 99 (5) of the 2002 Universities Act.**

<b>Grade:</b>	A2
<b>Level of employment:</b>	40 hours weekly
<b>Length of employment:</b>	4 years tenure-track position (i.e. permanent after positive evaluation)
<b>Deadline for applications:</b>	22.03.2023
<b>Reference number:</b>	2023/0049

### Context

We are looking for an applicant to represent the areas of “mechanisms and dynamics of viral infections” at Vetmeduni. The assistant professorship is assigned to the Institute of Virology and has access to modern facilities with excellent research and teaching opportunities.

### Main Tasks

The successful candidate will be expected to expand the research focus at the Institute of Virology. The research profile of the assistant professorship is to deepen the understanding of mechanisms of viral infections. Questions related to virus-host interactions as well as underlying structural processes are to be explored, including their impact on species specificity and potential vaccination strategies. The goal of the research includes the creation of data that will provide new approaches in the field of combating viral infections. Particular emphasis will be placed on emerging viral diseases in livestock, zoonotic pathogens, and animal pathogens with respect to participation in One Health research collaborations. The aim is to establish an internationally visible research program, primarily financed by third-party funds.

Close collaboration with related research areas within the institute and the facilities on the campus of the Vetmeduni and its branch offices as well as national and international institutions are expected. Special opportunities for cooperation also result with the cross-university institute for infection research, the Ignaz Semmelweis Institute (ISI), which is being established as a joint organizational unit of the Medical Universities of Graz, Innsbruck and Vienna, the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna and the Medical Faculty of the Johannes

Kepler University Linz in order to promote transdisciplinary infection research. The duties of the successful candidate will include independent curricular teaching at Vetmeduni.

## **Responsibilities**

- Independent realization of research activities
- Preparation of research proposals and acquisition of third-party funding
- Creation and management of a third-party funded working group
- Supervision of under- and postgraduates
- Planning and development of teaching materials and teaching of courses and examinations in the field of virology, animal diseases and zoonoses
- Publication of research results both in professional journals and as part of the university's "Third Mission"
- Participation in teaching, service and administrative tasks of the institute
- Actively pursuing the strategic objectives of the institute, the department as well as the Vetmeduni along the development plan 2030

## **Required education, qualifications and experience**

- Science degree
- Completed doctoral or PhD studies in a relevant subject area
- Outstanding publication track record in line with the career level
- Proven research activities in the field of viral infections
- Experience in the independent conception and acquisition of third-party funded projects
- Teaching experience
- At least 2 years of PostDoc-experience
- English level B2

## **Additional desired qualifications and skills**

- Completed studies in veterinary medicine
- Experience in the diagnosis of viral pathogens of domestic, wild and farm animals
- Experience in modern molecular virological and cell biological working methods
- Completion of university didactic training programs
- Applicants should have gained research experience outside the Vetmeduni for a total of at least twelve months during or after their doctoral studies
- An enthusiastic and committed team player
- Open to inter-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary joint working
- Excellent communication skills
- German level B2

## **What we offer**

- Top university: Vetmeduni is one of the leading academic education and research institutions in veterinary medicine in Europe
- Stable employer
- Attractive campus
- Personal and professional training and development opportunities

- Health care
- Diversity and family-friendly university culture
- Children's day-care and holiday care options
- Numerous attractive fringe benefits
- Employee events

## Minimum salary

The minimum salary for university staff is regulated by the Collective Bargaining Agreement for University Staff and at the A2 level amounts to EUR 5.124,20 gross. The salary increases to EUR 5.545,50 gross when the provisions of the qualification agreement are met.

## The Position

The position of Assistant Professor with a qualification (i.e. tenure-track) agreement (according to § 27 of the collective contract (Kollektivvertrag) for university employees) is initially limited to a duration of 4 years. After fulfilment of the agreed qualification goals, the contract will be of an unlimited duration as Associate Professor.

## Applications

Please submit your application in English, noting the reference number 2023/0049, by e-mail (preferred) to [bewerbungen@vetmeduni.ac.at](mailto:bewerbungen@vetmeduni.ac.at) or by post to the Personnel Department of the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna, Veterinaerplatz 1, 1210 Vienna. Please do not forget to include the reference number or we will be unable to relate your application to the correct vacancy announcement.

Application documents must include:

1. Letter of application with a brief description of
  - Current research interests and research plan for the next three years, and anticipated advancement for the field
  - Concept for academic teaching and supervision of young researchers
  - Contribution to the scientific profile of the Institute and Vetmeduni
2. Curriculum vitae including
  - Information on selected research esteem factors (e.g. publication quality, impact, collaborations, invited talks) and recognition of excellence
  - List of external funds acquired (topic, funder, budget, duration) and submitted or unsuccessful grant applications
  - Overview of academic teaching and supervised theses, especially PhD theses
  - Experience in the organization and management of team, staff and students
  - Evidence of knowledge transfer and provision of expertise beyond the scientific community and other significant impact
3. Further documents to prove the required education, qualifications and experience described as necessary in the vacancy announcement
4. Names and contact information of three references

Presentations and interviews with the candidates are scheduled for May 2023.

Vetmeduni aims to increase the proportion of female staff, particularly in senior positions, and in accordance with § 41 of the 2002 Universities Act is striving to attain a balanced ratio of women to men, especially among its academic staff. Applications from qualified women are therefore especially welcome. If women are underrepresented (below 50%), female applicants who are as qualified as the best qualified male applicant will be given preference, provided that there are no strong reasons for favouring a particular male candidate.

There is no fee required for submitting an application. Applicants have no entitlement to reimbursement of any travel or accommodation expenses they may incur as a result of the application procedure.

As a proud holder of the “hochschuleundfamilie” (“University and Family”) certificate, Vetmeduni welcomes applications from candidates with family responsibilities. We also encourage people with disabilities to apply.

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#### **Contact for further information**

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