

Postdoc: Muenster (Germany) - Host-Parasite Coevolution and Ecological Immunology

A postdoctoral research associate position is available in the group of Animal Evolutionary Ecology at the Institute for Evolution and Biodiversity, University of Muenster, Germany (<http://ieb.uni-muenster.de/>) from April 2009. The position is initially for three years, with potential extension (up to six years).

We invite applications for a research associate to establish a vigorous research group in the evolutionary ecology of immune defense and/or host-parasite coevolution. Requirement for the position is a PhD degree and research experience in a biological field. A background in evolutionary ecology and experience with molecular techniques are advantageous. We are particularly interested in candidates who want to work with the flour beetle *Tribolium castaneum* as a model organism. Current projects of the group focus on the evolution of specific memory and phenotypic plasticity in immune responses and the adaptation of host immune defenses to parasites and vice versa. Working language of the lab is English.

Successful candidates will develop externally funded research programs, direct graduate students and contribute to teaching in the fields of evolution, ecology and biodiversity of animals. The position will include some teaching and administrative duties. The position is paid according to TV-L 13.

The University of Muenster seeks to increase the proportion of female staff members and therefore strongly encourages interested female candidates to apply. In addition, preference will be given to qualified disabled applicants.

Muenster hosts many excellent scientific institutions and is a dynamic city with a high number of students and a rich choice of social, cultural and sporting facilities (see <http://www.muenster.de/en/> for further details).

Interested candidates should send applications (preferentially as E-mail attachment) containing a CV, a list of publications, a research statement and the addresses of 3 potential referees to:

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Closing date is February 22nd, 2009.