

Fixed-term lectureship (Maître assistant-e) at the Institute of Biology (100%)

We are seeking to fill a full-time Maître assistant-e (MA) position in the Institute of Biology. The main task will be to set up and subsequently lead new research infrastructure in Switzerland for a large-scale species comparison in animal behavioural physiology and cognition.

The position will be part of the National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR) Evolving Language www.evolvinglanguage.ch, a Swiss consortium with the ambitious goal of creating a new discipline, Evolutionary Language Science, that targets the past, present and future of language. The consortium consists of leading scientists from traditionally separated academic domains, which allows us to harvest the diverse expertise from the humanities, social sciences, computational sciences, natural sciences and medicine towards a broadscale interdisciplinary collaboration.

Within this framework, the successful candidate is expected to:

- teach (4h/week) and provide administrative support for the NCCR co-director (30% total)
- carry out NCCR-related administrative duties (20%)
- set up his or her own research programme in behavioural physiology (50%)

The successful candidate has:

- a doctoral degree and expertise in veterinary science
- research and management experience ideally with wolves
- fluency in English, German, French (within 1 year of employment)
- good inter-personal skills

Pending final approval, the position will start on **1 June 2024** for an initial duration of **4 years**, renewable for another 2 years pending successful evaluation. Salary is according to the pay scale of the University of Neuchatel. Application deadline is **15 April 2024**.

To apply, please compile the following documents into a single PDF labelled 'NCCR_Phase2_YourSurname.pdf' and send it to Klaus Zuberbühler, klaus.zuberbuehler@unine.ch :

- cover letter (motivation and qualifications, max. 2 pages)
- curriculum vitae
- publication list
- contact details of two referees

The University of Neuchâtel is committed to providing non-discriminatory working conditions. We take gender balance and diversity seriously in our hiring decisions. Shortlisted candidates will be evaluated by a recruitment committee.

