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Job offer: PhD Position in biological anthropology

50% employment (20 hours/week), duration 3 years

The Austrian Academy of Sciences (OREA) seeks to employ a PhD student from mid-2017 for three years to undertake research on human pelvic morphology and the physical effects of childbirth in the framework of the ERC-Starting Grant Project 676828 '[VAMOS: The value of mothers to society: responses to motherhood and child rearing practices in prehistoric Europe](#)', PI Dr Katharina Rebay-Salisbury (Austrian Academy of Sciences, OREA).

Key-areas of responsibility

The PhD candidate will work on archaeologically recovered skeletal material dated from c. 3000 BC to AD 1900. Activities include the systematic 3D-recording of pelvic features and an extensive statistical analysis and interpretation of the data.

Data acquisition will primarily take place at the Natural History Museum Vienna under the guidance of Dr Doris Pany-Kucera (Austrian Academy of Sciences, OREA), who is responsible for the implementation of the anthropological aims of the project.

Academic supervision will be available from Dr Philipp Mitteroecker (Dept. of Theoretical Biology, Univ. of Vienna). The [Department of Theoretical Biology](#) is well known for its expertise in morphometric and quantitative modelling in evolutionary biology and anthropology, and it is part of a wide national and international [research network](#).

Requirements

The successful candidate will have an MA in biological anthropology or biomedical statistics. Good English language skills as well as competent computing skills are required. Expertise in geometric morphometric and prehistory is advantageous.

We welcome an enthusiastic person who is dedicated to interdisciplinary research in archaeology, biological anthropology, (bio)statistics and morphometrics. We provide a varied and stimulating working environment with many opportunities for professional development.

Application

Applicants should send a CV, list of publications and a cover letter that addresses how the PhD project relates to their previous and future work (max. 500 words) to Katharina Rebay-Salisbury per e-mail only. In addition, two independently sent letters of reference are required.

Salary

24.400 € (yearly, before tax, for a 50% employment, paid 14 times a year). The absolute costs of this appointment are fixed, but may be adjusted in terms of FTI or duration according to the qualification and needs of the candidate.

The Austrian Academy of Sciences is an equal opportunities employer. Closing date for applicants is 30 March 2017, the interview will tentatively take place in the first week of May 2017. Start date is negotiable, around 1 July 2017.

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