

PhD position in poultry and rabbit welfare - Observation methods

Applications are sought for a three year PhD position to qualitatively evaluate novel and traditional behavioral observations including individual- and group-level tracking systems as welfare assessment tools when evaluating housing and behavior of chicken and rabbits. The student will be involved in experimental design, project coordination, daily project operations, in-depth data analysis using R, and delivery of results to the research community in the form of presentations at conferences and peer-reviewed journal articles. The project is funded by the Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO) and will involve collaborators from the United Kingdom and Switzerland. Salary will be according to regulations of the Swiss National Science Foundation.

Further information about the Division of Animal Welfare and the Centre for Proper Housing: Poultry and Rabbits (ZTHZ) can be gained by visiting:

<http://www.tierschutz.vetsuisse.unibe.ch/research/research_groups/center_for_proper_housing_poultry_and_rabbits_zthz/index_eng.html>

Qualifications for this position include:

- MSc degree (or equivalent) in relevant discipline (biology, animal science, veterinary science, bioinformatics)
- Demonstrated experience in research
- Experience in statistical analysis using R
- Experience and interest in ethology, animal husbandry and animal welfare science
- Experience relating to the particular project (poultry behavior, husbandry and welfare)
- Very good knowledge of spoken and written English
- Fluency in German would be considered beneficial
- Programming skills are advantageous

Applications should include a cover letter describing the candidate's background, qualifications and interest in the position, a detailed CV, and contact details of at least two reference persons. Deadline for applications is **February 10th, 2019** and the expected start date of the project is April 2019 (although this is negotiable).

Please, send all application materials electronically to Lilian Smith: lilian.smith@vetsuisse.unibe.ch

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