research position (postdoc position and scientific coordinator) 
starting soon as possible

The Collaborative Research Centre Transregio 212 “A Novel Synthesis of Individualisation across Behaviour, Ecology and Evolution: Niche Choice, Niche Conformance, Niche Construction (NC3)”, subproject Z (Prof. Dr. Oliver Krüger), offers a part-time

Your Tasks

The two main tasks of the scientific coordinator are to assist the speaker of the collaborative research centre in all tasks related to the running of the centre and to conduct comparative analyses on the life history evolution in birds and mammals. Key traits to look at will be age at first reproduction and the quantity-quality trade-off in reproduction.

Full details of the CRC can be found at http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/biologie/crc212/management.html

The main tasks will be the following:

- research tasks (55 %): comparative analysis of life history evolution in birds and mammals using literature data
- organizational tasks (45 %)
  - planning and coordination of meetings, symposia and conferences of the CRC/TRR 212
  - assistance to the spokesperson, especially in communicating with members of the collaborative research centre
  - keeping the webpage of the collaborative research centre up to date, including the production of scientific papers and visual display items
  - writing outreach material for dissemination to the public and the media

Your Profile

We expect

- university degree in a relevant discipline (e. g. biology, ecology, evolutionary biology, behavioural biology)
- completed PhD in a relevant field, ideally related to behavioural ecology or evolutionary biology
- experience with coordinating science projects
- experience with organizing scientific meetings and conferences
- experience in public outreach and media activities
- high ability to work both independently and as part of a team
- very good oral and written communication skills in English

Preferable qualifications

- experience in coordinating and communicating with a group of scientists
- experiences with large-scale research projects

Remuneration

Salary will be paid according to Remuneration level 13 of the Wage Agreement for Public Service in the Federal States (TV-L). As stipulated in § 2 (1) sentence 2 of the WissZeitV (fixed-term employment), the contract will end on December 31, 2021. In accordance with the provisions of the WissZeitVG and the Agreement on Satisfactory Conditions of Employment, the length of contract may differ in individual cases. The employment is designed to encourage further academic qualification. The position is advertised as a 50 % part-time job. In individual cases, this percentage may be reduced on request, as long as this does not conflict with official needs.

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Application Procedure

To apply, please provide (i) a letter of motivation including a statement of your research interests and skills and experience relevant to the position, (ii) a CV including publication list, (iii) names and contact details of two referees willing to write confidential letters of recommendation. All materials should be sent as a single PDF file to oliver.krueger@uni-bielefeld.de by the 1st of February 2018. Please mark your application with the identification code wiss17386. Please do not use application portfolios and send only photocopies of original documents because all application materials will be destroyed at the end of the selection procedure. Further information on Bielefeld University can be found on our homepage at www.uni-bielefeld.de.

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