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**PhD Position in Hominid Event Cognition**

We are looking for a doctoral student to conduct research on how great apes and humans perceive, represent and communicate agent-patient interactions and how this relates to language cognition.

The position is funded by the National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR) Evolving Language [www.evolvinglanguage.ch](http://www.evolvinglanguage.ch), a Swiss consortium with the ambitious goal of creating a new discipline, Evolutionary Language Science, that targets the past 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.

The successful candidate is expected to

- demonstrate strong interest in animal cognition
- design and implement experiments with great apes at Basel Zoo
- carry out (some) administrative duties and teaching assistance
- hold a Master degree in a relevant discipline
- possess solid background in statistics and data processing
- be fluent in English (oral, written)

The position is open from **1 June 2024** (negotiable) for a maximum duration of **4 years**. Salary is according to the pay scale of the Swiss National Science Foundation. The position is available until filled; we will start reviewing applications from 1 March 2024.

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

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Contact details of two referees

Relevant background reading for this project:

<https://doi.org/10.1002/wcs.1594>

<https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/sciadv.abn8464>

<https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.11.23.568086>

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