

Masters project- Voluntary helping behaviour in pigs

The Institute of Behavioural Physiology at the Leibniz Institute for Farm Animal Biology, Dummerstorf, Germany, in collaboration with the Institute of Animal Welfare Science of the University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, Austria are seeking a motivated Masters student to take part in the development of a new model of helping behaviour in pigs.

The research will be conducted at the Swine Experimentation Facility of the Leibniz Institute for Farm Animal Biology in Dummerstorf, Germany, near Rostock. You will play a central part in the project, with the goals to help with the design of the study, conduct training and hands-on trials to insure that pigs understand the task, and collect behavioural data and hormone samples to examine spontaneous helping behaviour in pigs.



The starting date is flexible, but ideally would be in March or April 2020. We are seeking a candidate with a strong interest in animal behaviour and animal welfare and with previous research experience working with animals, ideally involving animal training. Students should be comfortable with working and writing in English. German language abilities are helpful but not necessary.

If you are interested, please send your CV and a one-page letter of motivation as soon as possible (and latest by 1st December, 2019) to: Dr. Liza Moscovice (moscovice@fhn-dummerstorf.de) and to Dr. Jean-Loup Rault (Jean-Loup.Rault@vetmeduni.ac.at). The position can be filled at any time.

For questions or additional details, please contact Dr. Moscovice (Leibniz Institute for Farm Animal Biology representative) or Dr. Rault (University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna representative).

