



**Postdoc position (m/f/d) in primatology/evolutionary biology
at the State Museum of Natural History Stuttgart, Germany**

Homepage: www.naturkundemuseum-bw.de

The State Museum of Natural History Stuttgart (SMNS) is one of the largest natural history museums in Germany dedicated to studying and documenting the evolution of organisms and ecosystems. One focus of research within the Department of Zoology is on the evolution of tarsiers, tiny Southeast Asian primates.

We seek an experienced and highly motivated researcher (m/f/d) in the area of primatology. The successful candidate will be expected to focus on links between population dynamics and the phylogeny of Sulawesi tarsiers (*Tarsius* spp.) and to test several hypotheses related to the taxonomy and demography of selected species. The projects will draw upon more than 20 years of tarsier research by our group (PI Dr. Stefan Merker) and a large collection of DNA samples curated at the SMNS. Depending on the COVID-19 situation, studies may include field work on Sulawesi. The postdoc will not be required to teach.

The successful candidate is expected to have

- a doctoral/PhD degree in biology, with a focus on primatology or mammal biogeography
- a record of publications in renowned international journals
- experience and methodological competence in molecular lab work
- field work experience in tropical rainforests
- experience in working with international collaboration partners
- the ability to work both independently and in a team
- an excellent command of written English
- the strong wish to jointly generate and publish research results within a relatively short period of time

Desired qualifications include

- expertise in phylogenetic reconstruction
- expertise in demographic inferences based on genetic data
- experience in microsatellite-based genotyping
- field work experience in Indonesia
- a strong interest in biogeography

Salary will follow E13 TV-L (German civil service salary scale). Beginning January 01, 2021, the position is limited to 1.5 years. Please send your application including a letter of motivation, CV, list of publications, description of your research experience and contact information of two

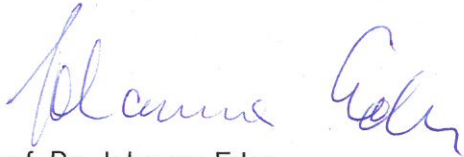
references exclusively online (in one file, max 5 MB) to postdoc.zoologie@smns-bw.de by **October 25, 2020**. Please note that your incoming data will not be automatically encrypted. Job interviews are scheduled for **November 6, 2020**.

For further information, please contact Dr. Stefan Merker: Tel. 0049-(0)711-8936-246, stefan.merker@smns-bw.de.

We offer flexible and family-friendly working hours and support presenting research results at national and international conferences. The SMNS is an equal opportunity employer that values diversity, tolerance and excellence. Preference will be given to applicants with severe disabilities if equally qualified.

Information on data protection law for applicants can be found on our homepage under "Jobs" (in German).

Stuttgart, September 17, 2020



Prof. Dr. Johanna Eder,

Scientific Director

