



The Clinic for Zoo Animals, Exotic Pets and Wildlife
Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Zurich

currently offers a

1.5-year Doctoral position (Dr.med.vet.) (starting in Spring 2026)

The candidate will participate in the establishment of a novel feeding and enrichment concept for zoo herbivores. Practical work includes 'work in a keeper team' including weighing of feeds, sampling of faeces, and assessing the activity budget and the space use of herbivores on Zoo Zurich's Lewa Savanna exhibit including the use of video and/or camera trap equipment.

The candidate will work both at Zoo Zurich and at the office located at University of Zurich's Animal Hospital, and will be part of a small, dedicated unit that has been engaged in improving zoo animal husbandry and nutrition for decades.

Salary is according to the standards of the SNF, at about 50'000 CHF per year.

Requirements:

The candidate must be fluent in spoken German as well as written and spoken English. Applicants must have completed veterinary studies by the end of Spring 2026.

Advantages (which are good to have, but not strict requirements) include:

Interest in wildlife biology, zoo animal husbandry, nutrition and medicine; experience in working as a zoo keeper, in working large animal stables or similar; confidence in the handling of technical equipment (camera traps), video footage, as well as working with Excel.

Please read the description of working at our clinic at

<https://www.zooklinik.uzh.ch/en/research/postgraduate.html>

Please note that participating in the clinical workload of our clinic is not part of this position.

Open application (no fixed deadline)

Written applications should be sent as a single pdf via email attachment to the email contact below and consist of 1) letter of interest outlining special interest in the position, overall related qualifications, experience, and career goals, and earliest availability; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) copies of all relevant diplomas, credentials and certificates; 4) the names and addresses of three professional references that may be contacted for information; 5) if applicable, a copy of the Master Thesis or any other publications. There is no fixed deadline; the position will be filled the moment a suitable candidate is found, starting in January 2026.

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