

JOB ADVERT

Job Reference WU-2011-HL001

Job Title Professor of Behavioural Ecology

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Job description

The chairholder in Behavioural Ecology will head a research group which studies the evolutionary causes of variation in behaviour among individuals, populations, and species. The research will focus on behaviour of animals in their natural environment, with a focus on the behavioural ecology of social interaction. The research group will also carry out research on animals kept in husbandry environments following research lines parallel to those in the natural environment.

The research will be characterized by an experimental approach, aimed to test hypotheses derived from theoretical models, and by a phenotypic approach of behavioural ecology. The research focuses on vertebrates. We expect an internationally recognized research program that involves theoretical modelling, experiments, and phenotypic characterization.

The professor will be responsible for the teaching of behavioural ecology and will contribute to the BSc and MSc programs of Animal Sciences, Biology, and Forest and Nature Conservation, and education of PhD-students.

The person will initiate, lead, and supervise research in the field of behavioural ecology; acquire research funding; supervise BSc, MSc, and PhD students; and lead the chair group. The person will also be involved in the societal discussion on issues like animal welfare and nature conservation.

We ask

- The candidate should have an international reputation and relevant academic education, including a PhD;
- proven didactic qualities and ability to inspire students;
- broad academic experience in behavioural ecology, as shown by publications in leading international journals, key note lectures at international meetings, and involvement in international scientific programs, societies, and journals;
- a vision on the role and position of behavioural ecology research and education within the themes of Wageningen University;
- successful track record in acquisition of research funding;
- skills for initiating, coordinating, and stimulating research;

- experience in the dissemination of results among both society and scientific media;
- willingness to participate in the societal debate;
- an integrative approach to research and education;
- proven managerial ability and communication skills;
- willingness to learn Dutch.

We offer

We offer a permanent contract, for 38 hours per week. Maximum salary is € 7,142 per month, based on full time employment, and depends on expertise and experience.

Application

Additional information about the vacancy can be obtained from Prof. dr. E.W. Brascamp, chairman of the selection committee
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Dr. H. van den Brand, secretary of the selection committee
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If you are interested please apply online (including your detailed curriculum vitae and a list of publications) before 1 March 2011, or send your application to

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Please mention the vacancy number WU-2011-HL001 on both letter and envelope.

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The Department of Animal Sciences is responsible for research and education related to the health and welfare of animals. The primary focus is on the functioning of animals, both from a curiosity perspective and in relation to the various functions animals have for humans. With its 260 employees and around 1,200 students (BSc, MSc and PhD level) from all over the world, the Department of Animal Sciences works for both public authorities and the business community. The strength of the Department lies in its ability

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