



A research position for a

Ph.D. student

is available in the research group 'Comparative Cognitive Anthropology' at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (Leipzig, GER). The successful applicant will be expected to compare cognition across great ape species including human infants and play a key role in designing, implementing, completing and writing up experiments.

The position will commence after **1st August 2008**. The position is available for up to 3 years.

Research Focus: The research group 'Comparative Cognitive Anthropology' represents a collaborative effort between the Max Planck institutes for Psycholinguistics and Evolutionary Anthropology and aims at experimentally studying cognition across all non-human great ape species and diverse human cultures in order to triangulate what is unique to humans compared to our nearest relatives, and universally shared across human cultures. Studies shall focus on the questions about i) the diversity of physical and social cognition across species and cultures, ii) the psychological mechanisms creating and maintaining cognitive diversity and iii) ontogeny of social competence in human and ape infants. The successful applicant will be part of the great ape section of the project investigating cross-species differences and commonalities in cooperation with the Department for Comparative and Developmental Psychology at the Max Planck institute for Evolutionary Anthropology.

The Comparative Cognitive Anthropology group provides fully equipped research facilities, field budget, conference travel funds, full technical support and an active and innovative research environment.

Requirements: Applicants should have a master/diploma or equivalent degree in Psychology, Biology, Cognitive Science, Linguistics or Anthropology. Candidates have to be willing to travel to, and conduct research in remote places in e.g. Africa or South East Asia, including rough working-conditions. Ideal candidates shall have prior research experiences in cognitive psychology, experience with work with non-human primates and/or human children and interest in the research areas of cognitive evolution and/or cognitive development. Strong statistical knowledge and mastery of foreign languages would be welcome.

Closing date for application: **April 1st, 2008**.

The Max Planck Society is an equal opportunity employer.

Applicants should send their CV, a sample of their writing, and the names and e-mail addresses of at least two potential referees, citing 'Comparative Cognitive Anthropology' to:

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