

Job Opportunities SCAN-Unit Vienna (PI Claus Lamm): **Two 6-Year postdoc positions** (with aim to establish own research line and first junior research group)

At the SCAN-Unit, we will soon have two 6-year(!) post-doc positions available. Unlike many other postdoc positions tied to a grant, these positions do not come with a fixed research program attached to them. Rather, our aim is to allow the candidates a sizeable amount of autonomy and flexibility in pursuing their own research questions and to develop their own research line, connected to the research interests and expertise of the SCAN Unit, which focuses on questions such as empathy, prosociality, trust, social decision making, and related phenomena, in both humans and non-human animals (see <https://scan.psy.univie.ac.at>).

The idea is to hire and mentor someone who has the potential to transit to a fully independent (tenure-track/junior group leader) position within the 6-year hiring period (the positions themselves do not have a tenure/tenure-track option). We thus encourage the candidates to secure their own grants (e.g., from the Austrian Science Fund and the ERC) and to establish their own first research group, under the wings of the SCAN-Unit and the mentoring of group leader Claus Lamm\*. Besides candidates that may already have done a first post-doc stint, we also highly encourage junior (first) post-doc candidates to apply.

While the positions are predominantly research-oriented, they also entail teaching (in English) and opportunities for administrative work at the Department and Faculty level. They thus also prepare the candidates on this level for their transition to independence and attaining a faculty position. The positions will be available from around September/October 2021 onwards, but a later starting date until roughly mid 2022 is certainly possible (and further extensions can be discussed). If you did not graduate yet, but you envisage graduation by around that time, you are also eligible to apply.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact group leader Claus Lamm ([claus.lamm@univie.ac.at](mailto:claus.lamm@univie.ac.at)) with a brief (free form) statement of motivation (e.g., why you apply for this position, why you feel you'd be a suitable candidate, and what is your career development goal: max. 1 page), the research questions you would be interested in pursuing (i.e., a short research statement, describing what you would want to work on, and how you would want to do so, max. 1 page), and a C.V., including list of publications, that summarizes a) your research achievements, b) the skills and expertise that you have acquired in your previous and ongoing training, and c) your past teaching activities (if any). Applications will be considered on an ongoing basis until suitable candidates are identified. Informal inquiries before submitting a fully-fledged application are also highly encouraged.

\*The SCAN Unit hosts a diverse group of international researchers who combine psychological theory with cutting edge neuroscientific methodology to study the neuro-biological basis of human's social and emotional life. Our special research focus lies on the neuroscience of empathy and prosocial behavior, and related phenomena. We advocate a multi-level multi-methods approach, and have privileged access to a range of research methodologies, including research-dedicated 3T fMRI, brain stimulation, EEG, eye tracking, psychopharmacology and psychoneuroendocrinology, as well as comparative research (on canines, ravens, and primates) by means of collaborations. See <https://scan-psy.univie.ac.at>, <https://scan-psy.univie.ac.at/research/publications/>, and <https://twitter.com/ScanUnit> for further information. Group leader Claus Lamm has a strong track record in mentoring Early Career Researchers, with numerous previous postdocs now holding professorships and PI positions, and in procuring competitive research funding (many of them together with or in support of ECRs). Working language is English.

The University of Vienna is one of the largest and oldest European Universities. The Faculty of Psychology hosts a range of internationally recognized and strongly research-oriented research groups, and provides excellent opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborations. Candidates will also be embedded into the Vienna Cognitive Science Hub, an interdisciplinary research initiative driving one of the main strategic research priorities of the University of Vienna (<https://cognitivescience.univie.ac.at/>). Vienna is a vibrant and international metropolitan city in the center of Europe, top-ranked for several years for quality of life, and with numerous academic institutions and other career opportunities besides the University of Vienna. The Austrian social security system offers particularly high employment and health care standards.