One Doctoral Studentship in Cognitive Science specialising in Cognitive Zoology

Lund University invites applications for the following doctoral studentship with a starting date of 1 January 2013.

At the Department of Philosophy:

1 doctoral studentship in Cognitive Science specialising in Cognitive Zoology

The studentship is incorporated in the project “Ingredients of complex social cognition”, financed in part by the Crafoord Foundation. The project involves studies of the social cognition of ravens and great apes. Comparison is made between the different animals’ fundamental cognitive mechanisms in social situations, with a view to expanding the understanding of convergent or parallel evolution of advanced social cognition. New measuring technologies for the study of animal cognition will be developed within the project, such as eye-tracking and thermal imaging. However, the focus will be on methodological and epistemological development of the cognitive comparison of distantly related species. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to all aspects of the project as a part of his or her studies.

For information, please contact Dr Mathias Osvath.

For information on general terms of employment, regulations etc., please contact Faculty Coordinator Jesper Olsson, Office of the Faculties of Humanities and Theology. The regulations for research studies at the Faculties are available (in Swedish) at http://www.ht.lu.se/doktorand/styrdokument-och-regelverk-foer-forskarutbildning.

Telephone numbers and email addresses are available on the University’s website, http://www.lu.se.
Eligibility

A person has basic eligibility for research (third-cycle) studies if he or she
1. has taken a second-cycle qualification
2. has completed course requirements of at least 240 higher education credits, including at least 60 higher education credits at second cycle, or
3. has acquired essentially corresponding knowledge in Sweden or abroad.

Special eligibility for research studies in Cognitive Science is specified in the relevant general syllabus, available (in Swedish) at http://www.ht.lu.se/doktorand/allmaenna-studieplaner.

Transitional provision: A person who fulfils the requirements for basic and special eligibility for admission to research studies before 1 July 2007 will also be considered to have basic and special eligibility for admission to research studies after that date.

Special requirements

The candidate must have conducted first- and/or second-cycle studies in comparative cognition/psychology, ethology, behavioural ecology or the equivalent and have produced at least one independent academic paper, or the equivalent, in one of these subjects. Documented experience of animal behavioural research is a desired qualification for the post, as is documented experience of work with advanced measuring technology.

Selection

The selection process will primarily take into account the applicants’ ability to benefit from research studies. Before submitting an application, all candidates should discuss a potential research project with the subject representative or equivalent in the relevant subject.

Application

The application must be submitted on the form that is available at http://www.ht.lu.se/doktorand/ansoekan-och-antagning.

The application must include:
- records of first- and second-cycle studies (Ladok transcript or other transcript of courses and grades)
- first- and second-cycle theses/degree projects
- a list of other relevant administrative and teaching qualifications
- scholarly journal articles, reports or papers of relevance for the subject
- where applicable, documented skills in a language of relevance for the research studies
- project proposal (1500 words max. excluding references)

Applicants who have already been admitted must submit an up-to-date individual study plan.

Only the application form in the original, no other documents, is to be sent to Registrar, Lund University, Box 117, 221 00 Lund. A copy of the application
form and all documents referred to in the application are to be sent to the Department of Philosophy, Kungshuset, 222 22 Lund.

The application, including attachments, must arrive by **Monday, 15 October 2012.** The subject and relevant registration number(s) must be clearly indicated in the appropriate places. Applications are filed for two years, in accordance with the Swedish National Archives regulations.

Ex officio

Jesper Olsson