

Needed in full time for Field Cricket Project at the Ludwig Maximilians University of Munich (LMU) & Max Planck Institute for Ornithology. Websites: <http://www.behavioural-ecology.bio.lmu.de/people/postdocs/niemela/index.html>

[https://www.orn.mpg.de/159079/Research\\_Group\\_Dingemane](https://www.orn.mpg.de/159079/Research_Group_Dingemane)

Location: Munich (LMU) and Seewiesen, Bayern, Germany. Job description: The field assistants will help to collect life-history data on Field Crickets (*Gryllus Campestris*) in the wild from end of March to the end of June 2015. The research focuses primarily on identifying how the social environment (i.e. other individuals) generate and maintain individual differences in behavior and behavioral plasticity. Research is also concentrated on identifying how environmental conditions affect the expression of behavioral variation. Assistants will work closely with an international team consisting of one post-doc, two field assistants and various students. The research project is intense and will have typically only 1 day off per week. Duties include behavioral observations, cricket handling (marking, measuring), data entry and data management. Qualifications/Experience: Candidates should have a BSc in Biology or a related field. Candidates must have experience with handling small insects and working as part of a research group. Ideal candidates are highly motivated, well organized and able to work independently, while at the same time able to function well in a group. A small financial compensation and accommodation will be provided. Accepted assistants should be vaccinated against Tick Borne Encephalitis (TBE or FSME) before arriving in Seewiesen. Applicants should also be aware that Lyme disease (carried by ticks) is prevalent in the area and should inform themselves about this disease beforehand. Applications:

**Review of the applications will begin February**

and continue until the position is filled. To apply, please send (1) a statement of relevant experience, (2) a short resume or CV, and (3) contact information for two references to Dr. Petri Niemelä (eMail:

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