

## Bachelor & Master Projects on Affect and Cognition in Japanese Macaques

Are you fascinated by **animal emotions, cognition, and behaviour**? We are looking for several enthusiastic and motivated students to join an exciting research project investigating affective states and cognitive performance in Japanese macaques.

Working with ~75 semi-free-ranging macaques from a population of 188, in a large, naturalistic environment, you will gain hands-on experience in cutting-edge, non-invasive research methods from **behavioural observations, facial expressions** and **vocalisations** to **infrared thermography, faecal sampling techniques** and **cognitive testing**.

This is a collaborative project, involving an international team of researchers: Debottam Bhattacharjee, Julia Ostner, Oliver Schülke, Julia Fischer, Jorg Massen, Verena Behringer, Bridget Waller, and Lena Pflüger.



[Project abstract link](#)



### Practical details:

- **Location:** Field work at the Affenberg Research Station in Landskron, Austria (<https://affenberg.univie.ac.at/>)
- **Timelines:**
  - January to May 2027
  - May to September 2027
  - September to December 2027
  - May to December 2027
- **Housing:** Provided with affordable costs.
- **Teamwork:** You will be part of a collaborative team of interdisciplinary researchers including geneticists, primatologists and other biology students.

**As we are unable to provide any financial support, kindly consider when a research project is part of your academic curriculum. For funding opportunities, you may check Erasmus+**

If interested, please contact with your CV, a 200-word statement of motivation, and your preferable timeline: [affenberg.lewi@univie.ac.at](mailto:affenberg.lewi@univie.ac.at) / [debottam.bhattacharjee@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:debottam.bhattacharjee@uni-goettingen.de)

**Deadline:** Until suitable candidates are found but latest 15<sup>th</sup> December 2026.