

Master project on social networks in Japanese macaques

Japanese macaques (*Macaca fuscata*) live in complex and large multi-male multi-female societies with a strict dominance hierarchy. Investigating how individuals are connected and how they interact with each other is crucial to understanding group life. Furthermore, it is important to investigate what influences the formation of sexual and social relationships and their impact on both an individual as well as on a populational level. We aim to use social network analysis to understand the patterning of a non-human primate society.



While contributing to this project, you will:

- Collect and analyse behavioural data in a population of approximately 180 Japanese macaques.
- Observe this species in semi-free ranging conditions for a closer understanding of natural behaviours.



Project details:

- Location: Field work is done at the Affenberg Research Station in Landskron, Austria (<https://affenberg.univie.ac.at/>)
- Duration: January 2026 until May 2026
- Requirements: 5 months internship with 4 field days plus one office day per week (weekends and holidays off)
- Housing: Provided with affordable costs
- Teamwork: You will be part of a collaborative team of interdisciplinary researchers including geneticists, primatologists and other biology students

We are looking for motivated students who can work patiently with animals and do not mind working outside for longer durations despite harsh weather conditions at times.

Please send your application including your CV to affenberg.lewi@univie.ac.at

Deadline: until a suitable candidate is found but latest 30.11.2025