



Open MSc Projects in Evolutionary Anthropology

Sexual Conflict in Chacma Baboons

Swebeswebe Baboon Project

Project Description

I am advertising MSc projects focusing on wild chacma baboons in the Waterberg district of the Limpopo province, South Africa. The main research goal is to improve our understanding of the role of sexual conflict as a selection pressure.

The study site – also home to vervet monkeys and bushbabies, to name only the primates – is located on the Swebeswebe Wildlife Estate, approximately 50km from the town of Lephalale.



Qualifications

Applicants should be in possession or close to obtaining their bachelor degree in Biology from the University of Zurich (or another Swiss University). Previous field experience is desirable, but not essential. Applicants should be physically fit and resilient.

Together with local and international field assistants and students, you will collect behavioral, endocrinological, genetic and ecological data while following baboons.

You will also contribute to the general running of the research camp set in the rugged bushveld with magnificent wildlife. The research camp provides all necessary amenities including free fast internet access.

Start Dates and Contact

Start date of the MSc Projects is flexible, but a start at the beginning of a semester is preferred. A commitment of 5-6 months in the field is required.

For additional information and to apply please contact Tony Weingrill (tonyw@aim.uzh.ch).

