

The **Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute**
and the **Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior**

**JOINT POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN
TROPICAL ANIMAL BEHAVIOR**

The **Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute** (STRI; www.stri.si.edu), headquartered in the Republic of Panama, and the **Max Planck Institute** (MPI) for Animal Behavior, Department for the Ecology of Animal Societies, headquartered in Konstanz, Germany (www.ab.mpg.de/), are seeking an outstanding behavioral biologist for a joint **five-year** fellowship in **tropical animal behavior**. The successful candidate will apply a deep understanding of natural history to resolve basic questions about behavioral mechanisms, evolutionary processes, and adaptive function. Areas of specialty may include, but are not limited to, behavioral ecology, evolution of social behavior, sensory and neuroethology, ecology of animal societies, behavior developmental physiology, functional morphology, and the genetic basis of behavior. Candidates working on any animal taxa, marine or terrestrial, will be considered.

STRI has state-of-the-art research facilities, as well as terrestrial and marine field stations and biological reserves throughout the country. STRI has environmental monitoring facilities, a large, multilingual support staff, and a library with extensive holdings in the natural sciences, as well as electronic access to all the Smithsonian libraries. The Republic of Panama and the adjacent regions of tropical America are phenomenally rich in terrestrial and marine habitats. The fellow will join a vibrant scientific community of over 35 staff scientists, and an international community of scientific visitors, including fellows and interns supported through the Smithsonian.

The position is primarily research and will also involve participating in the development and teaching of a field course in animal behavior. Funds are provided for research and travel. Fellows may supplement their basic yearly research budget by competing for additional intramural and external research funds. For more information on fellowships at STRI, see <https://stri.si.edu/academic-programs/fellowships>. For a general overview of the STRI platform, see <https://stri.si.edu/about-us>.

Fellows are encouraged to participate in outreach to local and international audiences. We strongly encourage applicants with a keen interest in conducting outstanding scientific research while promoting a diverse and inclusive workplace environment.

Qualifications: A PhD is required in a relevant field. Evidence of the ability to successfully conduct independent research is preferred, as is demonstrated success in obtaining research grants, a history of successful collaborative research, demonstrated skill in communicating science to the public, and a commitment to addressing social

inequities in science.

Award: A five-year position with a stipend of \$55,000 USD per year and a research budget of up to \$16,000 per year.

To Apply: Application materials are listed here (<https://stri.si.edu/academic-programs/fellowships>), and should be submitted via the Smithsonian Online Academic Appointment System (SOLAA; <https://solaa.si.edu/solaa/#/public>) by **June 15, 2022**. *Please also include a statement that reflects your views and experience in working to the goal of promoting a diverse, inclusive, collegial, and rigorous scientific workplace.* Address inquiries to STRIFellows@si.edu.

STRI is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to diversity in its workforce. Appointments are made without regard to nationality.