



## ***Development and evolution of social structures in primates***

The Behavioural Ecology and Data Science lab is looking to hire a PhD student interested in studying the dynamics of social networks in wild baboons. Our lab develops and applies data science tools to better understand the evolution and development of social animals. We are a highly interdisciplinary lab that values the spaces between disciplines and encourages new ideas and new approaches.

We are looking to recruit a **PhD student** that would be interested in joining our team to study wild primate populations. We are particularly interested in how individuals both create the social structures they live within, but are also shaped by them. We are interested in applicants with a background in behavioural ecology, primatology, and social network analysis. A keen interest in statistics and remote field work would also be a great asset.

**Training opportunities:** In this role you would be guided on how to develop and test hypotheses related to the evolution and development of social structures in primates. You will also be trained on how to use state-of-the-art statistical methods with social network datasets and how to write academic manuscripts.

**Qualifications:** We seek applicants with a background in behavioural ecology and/or primatology, as well as a passion for nature, conservation, and ecology. A background that includes statistics and R would be welcome.

**Funding:** The role will be a fully funded position for 4 years, and we encourage applying for internal and external funding to supplement this amount.

**Location:** The PhD will be in the Anthropology department at the University of Calgary, with travel to South Africa to collect data on habituated wild baboon groups.

**Timeline:** We are looking to hire someone starting in September 2025.

**Applying:** Please prepare a single pdf document including: 1) a one-page cover letter, outlining your background, interests, and fit for this project, and 2) a current CV including the names of two references. You can email the pdf to [tyler.bonnell@ucalgary.ca](mailto:tyler.bonnell@ucalgary.ca).

Thank you for your consideration,  
Tyler and the BEDS lab