



PhD Position Mite Personalities

**Department of Behavioral and
Cognitive Biology**

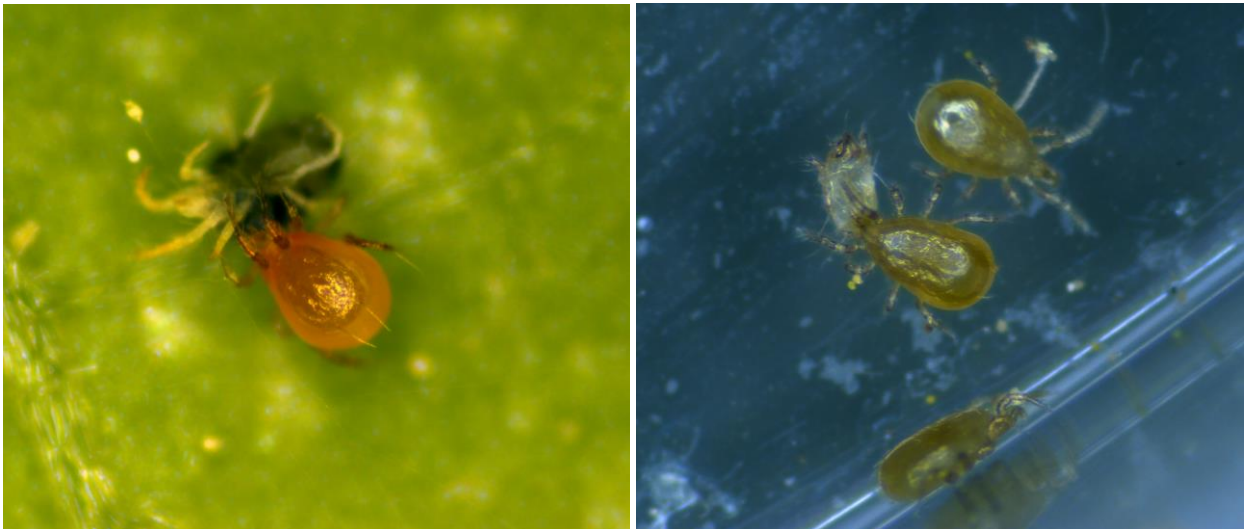
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Individual Niche Specialization and Personalities of Predatory Mites



PhD position (3 year funding) available on the linkage between **Individual Niche Specialization and Personality Formation in Predatory Mites**. The PhD position is embedded in a larger Austrian Science Fund (FWF) project aiming at linking animal personality formation in six species of plant-inhabiting predatory mites to individual specialization in social niche and diet use, as affected by early life experiences and parental effects. The six species range from group-living diet specialists to mostly solitary living diet generalists (omnivores). Interested candidates should have a keen interest in Behavioral Ecology and possess advanced English language skills; experience in scientific work with mites and/or insects is welcome but not obligatory.

Wanted starting date is **March 1, 2021**.

Interested candidates should apply via email before December 13, 2020; applications should include a CV and a list of publications and presentations.

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