

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### DAAD Doctoral Scholarship for scholars from Sub-Saharan Africa with ZMT on topics of

#### **“Adaptation of marine socio-ecological systems to changing environments”**

The Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT) advertises 2 doctoral scholarships starting in Fall 2021. Additionally, 2 further doctoral scholarship can be granted starting in 2022.

The scholarships will be granted by the DAAD and are funded by the **Graduate School Scholarship Programme (GSSP)**. ZMT will make a preselection and nominates successful applicants to DAAD. With the following application you apply for the process of preselection by ZMT. For further information see the [info-page of ZMT](#).

The scholarships are related to the interdisciplinary research topic **“Adaptation of marine socio-ecological systems to changing environments”**. The ecosystems along the densely populated coasts of the tropical belt are particularly affected by severe global, regional and local environmental changes. Possibilities and consequences of the adaptation of biological and social systems to these progressive changes are to be investigated through different, mutually complementary research approaches. This topic is open for different disciplinary approaches and interdisciplinary cooperation.

[ZMT Academy](#) coordinates a structured doctoral program based on the [ZMT Doctoral Studies Regulations](#). The university, that issue the doctoral degree, depends on the supervisor and the topic. Scholarship holders are based at ZMT in Bremen and will be fully integrated at the institute and the ZMT doctoral program.

The doctoral projects of the scholarship holders are based in one of the following ZMT departments and one working group. The workgroup leader acts as main scientific supervisors.

- (1) [Biogeochemistry und Geology](#)
- (2) [Ecology](#)
- (3) [Theoretical Ecology and Modeling](#)
- (4) [Social Sciences](#).

#### **Details about the Scholarship**

The scholarships will be granted for up to 4 years (upon successful evaluation each year) and will be granted directly by the DAAD.

The scholarship includes:

- a scholarship instalment of currently € 1,200 per month;
- travel allowance;
- payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover;
- a research allowance of currently € 460 per year
- a preparatory intensive German language course starting in Summer 2021
- under certain circumstances, grant holders may receive monthly allowance for accompanying family members (about € 200 child allowance per child and about € 275 marriage allowance);

- Research Stays abroad are possible if they do not take longer than 25% of the scholarship period.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants need to originate from Sub-Saharan Africa. They need to hold a university degree (international degrees must be equivalent to German "Diplom", "Magister" or "Master"). The last final exam (master's degree or equivalent) must have taken place no longer than six years ago. At the time when DAAD receives the nomination letter (March 2021), applicants must not have resided in Germany for more than 15 months prior to the nomination. ZMT strives to increase the proportion of women in research and encourages females to apply for these positions.

### **Application Procedure**

#### **Step 1.**

Submit your application **until December 20** under the [following link](#). The application consists of

- a. Personal details
- b. Your CV (max 2 pages)
- c. Concept of your Doctoral project related to the above mentioned topic: max 2-page.  
**This concept has to be discussed and approved by a ZMT workgroup leader before submitting it. Please contact the [ZMT workgroup leader](#) beforehand!**
- d. Letter of support from ZMT workgroup leader
- e. Letter of Reference from 2 referees ([according to this template](#))
- f. Letter of Motivation (Why would you like to pursue a doctoral project at ZMT? Why do you think the suggested working groups could fit your interests?) – max **1 page**
- g. Master and Bachelor degree certificates

**Step 2.** After a pre-selection based on the written application potential candidates will have the opportunity to submit an 8-10-page project proposal and present their project to a ZMT selection committee in a video interview.

**Step 3.** Selected candidates will be nominated by ZMT to the DAAD for the scholarship. A formal DAAD application needs to be submitted by the nominated candidates.

**Selection Criteria** are the professional profile of the applicant (academic & professional background), the overall quality and fit of the proposal into the overarching topic "Adaptation of marine socio-ecological systems to changing environments" and ZMTs research profile and the personal profile of the applicant (e.g. motivation, non-academic activities).

Please see General Data Protection Regulation for the application process!