

Project work or field assistant position in Costa Rica



Are you interested in conducting a project (e.g. a master thesis or the like) in the field of **tropical community ecology**?



We are investigating aquatic protist and insect communities in bromeliads in the rain forest of the Guanacaste Conservation Area (www.acguanacaste.ac.cr). Work will include the collection and identification of protists/insects along an elevational gradient and will require a hard-working, physically fit, outdoorsy person, preferably with tropical field work experience. To reach the epiphytic bromeliads that grow on trees our work includes tree climbing; therefore you should not be afraid of heights. Driving and Spanish skills are advantageous.

You will ideally be working on your own project as well as supporting the work of a PhD student. We will give priority to (MSc) students willing to do their own independent project but will also accept applications by experienced field assistants.

You should be able to stay full time from **beginning of July to mid-September 2015**. Airfare and accommodation will be paid for. If you are interested in gaining some research experience while enjoying a truly beautiful place, please send your CV and short motivation letter to jana.petermann@fu-berlin.de and abusse@zedat.fu-berlin.de. More information about our working group is available here: http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/en/biologie/arbeitsgruppen/zoologie/ag_petermann/index.html

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Position open until a suitable candidate is found.