

Master thesis project or field assistant position in Costa Rica



We will be doing **research** on aquatic protist 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 and will require a hard-working, **physically fit, outdoorsy person**, preferably with tropical field work experience and not afraid of heights. Driving and Spanish skills are also advantageous.

The MSc student will ideally be working on her/his 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. The MSc project would include transplanting bromeliads along an elevational gradient to investigate the influence of different abiotic and biotic factors on protist communities.

You should be able to stay full time from mid-May to August 2014. Airfare and **expenses will be paid for**. However, we cannot pay a salary. 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 until Feb 23. More information is available here:

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