

Master thesis project or field assistant position in Costa Rica



Are you interested in writing your master thesis 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. Applicants with driving and Spanish skills will be preferred when they are equally suited.

The MSc student will ideally be working on her/his own project as well as supporting the work of a PhD student. If you already have ideas concerning a suited project for yourself please include a draft in the application. 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 **July to mid-September 2015**. 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 and abusse@zedat.fu-berlin.de until **February 15th, 2015**. More information about our working group is available here:

http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/en/biologie/arbeitsgruppen/zoologie/ag_petermann/index.html