

PhD Scholarships in Ecology and Environmental Sciences (Hydrobiology, Marine biology, Aquatic ecology, Limnology)

We are searching for five highly motivated PhD students that will receive PhD scholarships (4 years) at the Marine Research Institute (Klaipeda University, Lithuania) to work on selected topics in marine ecology, policy and management.

Thesis topics: 10 topics have been selected for 2018 call focused on different aspects of marine ecology, coastal management and marine policy. Please, refer to the list of topics and their detailed descriptions (<http://apc.ku.lt/en/index.php/the-doctorate-school-in-ecology-and-environmental-sciences/topics-for-2018-call/>).

Research setting and study environment. Marine Research Institute of the Klaipeda University (<http://apc.ku.lt/en/>) secures full support for PhD studies incl. infrastructure (mesocosm facilities with seawater supply, marine chemistry, molecular biology and taxonomic sorting labs, research vessels, etc.), research staff (ca. 70 researchers from different field of marine sciences), and administration. The institute is the largest research unit of the Klaipeda University and part of the network with many Baltic and European marine research institutions.



City. Klaipeda is the third largest city in Lithuania (164 thous. population) with quite vivid cultural life. It is one of the busiest ports of the Baltic Sea, located in the mouth of the Curonian lagoon, the largest European lagoon. The nearest airport Palanga is in the distance of 30 km from Klaipeda. Two larger airports with numerous flights operated by Wizzair, EasyJet and Ryanair are in Kaunas and Vilnius reachable within 2-4 hours. University campus is in two bus stops from the historical old town and in three bus stops from the Baltic Sea shoreline.



Conditions: Basic annual scholarship is €4.740-5.400 (tax free) and covers Klaipėda University fees and social security within European Union. Students have discounts for public transport within the city and inside the country, special rates (approx. 150 Eur/month) are applied for accommodation in a newly build modern student dormitory within the University campus. Support for travel and consumables is ca. €1.600 per year. Extra funding may be secured through the projects and depends on the topic (see topic description and e-mail contact person for more info). Additional scholarships and travel funds are available after 1 year through Lithuanian Science Council. During the studies, PhD students are encouraged to spend 6-12 months outside the home institution through ERASMUS+ mobility funds or research project activities.

Eligibility criteria: Candidates (incl. Non-Lithuanian and Non-EU Nationals) with MSc degree are eligible to apply.

Important dates: Applications are accepted between September 10 and 21, 2018. Interview of candidates is foreseen in October 4, 2018 and the list of accepted students will be announced in October 5, 2018. The official study period starts at November 1, 2018.

Further information on submission of applications: Klaipeda University website (<https://www.ku.lt/studies/english-degree-studies/application-procedure/application-procedure-for-doctoral-studies/>), Vita Jušienė (vita.jusiene@ku.lt, +370 46 398932) or Eglė Navickienė (egle.navickiene@apc.ku.lt, +370 46 398898).