



Masters Degree Scholarship in Invertebrate Ecology

We are offering a Masters degree scholarship to investigate species occurrence, diversity and metapopulation and island biogeography dynamics of pseudoscorpions (Arachnida) in the Namib Desert as part of the research team at Gobabeb. The successful candidate will be comfortable handling and caring for scorpions, spiders and various insects, with an interest in invertebrate taxonomy and systematics, phylogeography and geoecology. The project will be supervised by Dr Eugene Marais (Gobabeb) and Dr Danilo Harms (Hamburg).

Physical fitness to work outdoors for long periods and walk long distances in mountainous desert areas is required. Experience with terrestrial invertebrate systematics, microscopy and collecting ants or other small terrestrial insects will be an advantage, as well as a driving licence and ability to read and understand German taxonomic descriptions.

The scholarship will cover university registration and study fees, study permits (if applicable), accommodation at Gobabeb, project operational costs, essential travel and a monthly stipend. Stipends and fees are not negotiable.

Eligibility Criteria: The successful candidate will, or be required to:

- have Namibian Citizenship or Permanent Resident;
- have obtained B.Sc. Hons. degree or equivalent with Zoology, Entomology, or Ecology majors within the past four years;
- be fully vaccinated against COVID and able to demonstrate physical fitness;
- be resident at Gobabeb during 2022 and 2023;
- register for a Masters degree by research at an approved Namibian, South African or German university (Masters requiring extensive coursework will not be considered);
- show proof of meeting the university's admission and registration requirements for a Masters degree by research within three months of provisional appointment.

Application Process: To apply, please send:

- a letter of application explaining your interest;
- a full CV, providing proof of eligibility, skills and experience, together with names and contact details of two previous academic supervisors;
- copies of academic transcripts with an abstract/summary of the honours/final year project;
- copies of all relevant documents (passport and residence visa (if applicable), COVID Vaccination Certificate, driving licence, other relevant documents).

Send applications by email to eugene@gobabeb.org BY NO LATER THAN **16 JANUARY 2022**