



Masters Degree Scholarship in Precolonial Occupation Geography

Gobabeb is offering a Masters degree scholarship to investigate the evidence of precolonial human occupation geography, settlement layout, resource distribution and landscape use in the Central Namib Desert. The successful candidate should be comfortable being alone while camping in remote areas, working outdoors and walking long distances to investigate occupation sites and resource distribution. The candidate must have an interest in landscape geography, precolonial human history, investigating enigmas and be comfortable using technologically advanced equipment.

The successful candidate will have prior training in landscape and settlement geography; using remote sensing products; mapping physical features (e.g. theodolite, total station, UAV); using mapping and GIS software; and be physically fit. A driving licence, creative or technical photography experience and experience producing videos will be a strong advantage. Previous training in morphometrics, geology, precolonial history, archaeology, cultural anthropology, or industrial psychology would be beneficial.

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:

- be a SADC citizen or Permanent Resident (Namibians will have preference);
- have obtained B.Sc. Hons. degree or equivalent in geography, archaeology, landscape planning, or engineering within the past four years;
- be fully vaccinated against COVID and able to demonstrate physical fitness;
- spend long periods at Gobabeb during 2022 and 2023;
- register for a Masters degree by research at an approved Namibian, South African or Botswanan university (coursework Masters will not be accepted);
- provide proof of university admission and registration 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 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**