

Within the scientific network “Clim-A-Net - The North-South-Network on Climate Proofing of Vulnerable Regions” Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg announces

PhD scholarships (maximum up to 24 month)

The DAAD promotes international academic cooperation, especially through the exchange of students and academics. Cooperating universities are Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa and University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

The North-South Climate Network aims to build on and develop new capacities and scientific knowledge on climate change impacts, mitigation and adaptation strategies for targeted regions. The network focuses on climate proofing of river basins in Africa. These regions are being both highly vulnerable to climatic changes and crucial in terms of a balanced regional development relying on the foundation of regional living and non-living resources as well as regional economies.

The project is organised in two research teams focussing on

- 1) study of ecological and hydrological systems based on field research, modelling and scenario building
- 2) study of socio-economic systems in the regions with regard to their adaptive capacities and adaptation strategies.

The two possible study regions are the Pangani River Basin (Tanzania) and the Keiskamma River catchment (South Africa).

Length: max. up to 24 months, additional German language course of 4 months possible

Scholarship:

The PhD-student will be awarded a scholarship of approximately 1000 Euro per month. Main workplace is Oldenburg. As a rule, the scholarship will be completed by additional payments for health insurance cover in Germany. DAAD will pay an appropriate flat-rate travel allowance, unless these costs are covered by the home country or by another funding source. Scholars completing a stay of more than six months can receive a study and research allowance plus, where appropriate, a rent subsidy and family allowance.

Research visits:

Research visits to the study region can be necessary. Participants in this scholarship programme can participate in PhD Programme at Carl von Ossietzky University.

Working Language and language of doctoral thesis: English

Requirements for the applicant

- University degree (Master or equivalent to German diploma) either in Landscape Ecology, Geography, Economics or Social Sciences or related disciplines
- knowledge in climate change and adaptation to climate change, knowledge in empirical social science research, experience in scientific research project is desired (socio-economic systems)

- knowledge in nature conservation, ecological and hydrological systems hydrology, experience in landscape and hydrological modelling (ecological systems)
- English proficiency at an academic level

Compulsory attachments:

- Application for research grants and study scholarships (please download application form from <http://www.daad.de/deutschland/download/03118.en>)
- Curriculum vitae
- Reports, certificates
- Letter of Motivation
- Exposé of doctoral project (including schedule)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Proof of English language skills

First, please contact the Project Representative at your university:

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