

## Experimental PhD Position in Plankton Community Ecology

Ruhr-Universität Bochum

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### Description

The Ruhr-University Bochum (RUB) is one of Germany's leading research universities.

The Working Group for Theoretical and Applied Biodiversity Research studies the assembly, dynamics, disturbance and recovery of ecological communities.

In the project „*I'll be back*“ versus “*Extinct is forever*“ we seek to fill a graduate student position in experimental community ecology (Doktorandenstelle).

The position is for three years (TV-L E 13 for the first year 70% - from the second year 50%; I will try to stock up the positions in the second and third year) and should lead to the completion of a doctoral dissertation.

The research involves experimental work on the recovery of disturbed plankton communities, in particular on the phenomenon of community closure (which makes previous members of a community unable to re-establish themselves following their local extinction). Theoretical work or field work can be additional components of the project.

We offer a stimulating international research environment and excellent laboratory facilities. The experimental work will be linked to a theoretical sister project. The main languages used in our group are English and German.

### Profile

We seek to recruit a candidate that successfully completed a master in ecology / aquatic ecology / community ecology, preferentially with experience in experimental work on plankton community dynamics. A very good command of spoken and written English, proven writing skills, good laboratory skills and a strong interest in ecological concepts and theory are requirements. Experience with or previous exposure to theoretical ecology / ecological modelling would be beneficial.

The Ruhr-University Bochum is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage and welcome candidates of any gender and culture, with and without disabilities, to apply for the position. Applications in English including pdf files of your Motivation Letter, CV, Diplomas, full lists of all Bachelor and Master marks, the bachelor and master thesis, a 1-page description of your research interests / future plans and contact details for 2 or 3 relevant people who can provide references should be sent by E-Mail to Prof. Dr. Matthijs Vos: [Matthijs.Vos@rub.de](mailto:Matthijs.Vos@rub.de), no later than February 2, 2017.

## Salary

TV-L E 13

## Application deadline

Thursday 9 February 2017 - 23:59

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