

**Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and
Other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre)**

and

**The Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (Leibniz-Zentrum
für Marine Tropenforschung - ZMT), Bremen, Germany**

**Joint NAM S&T Centre – ZMT Bremen Fellowship in Tropical Coastal
Marine Research**

Background

In pursuance of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concluded by the NAM S&T Centre [www.namstct.org] with the Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (Leibniz-Zentrum für Marine Tropenforschung - ZMT), Bremen, Germany [www.leibniz-zmt.de], a Joint NAM S&T Centre – ZMT Bremen Fellowship scheme was initiated in 2008 for providing opportunities to the scientists from the developing countries to affiliate themselves with ZMT to upgrade their research skills and conduct joint research in Ecology, Biogeochemistry, Modelling and Tropical Coastal Marine Systems.

Objectives

The objectives of the Joint NAM S&T Centre – ZMT Bremen Fellowship Programme are:

- a) To provide opportunities to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to work with senior researchers and faculty members in ZMT Bremen for upgrading their research skills in the fields related to Ecology, Biogeochemistry Geology, Theoretical Ecology and Modelling, Social Sciences and Tropical Coastal Marine Systems.
- b) To facilitate the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to undertake short-term joint research projects at ZMT Bremen.
- c) To provide a mechanism to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to use the equipment and facility of ZMT Bremen for their own research activities on mutually agreed terms and conditions.
- d) To facilitate exchange of information and contacts and create a network between the scientists and researchers from Germany and other developing countries.
- e) Depending on the research topic, the Fellows can also benefit from the ZMT's association with the University of Bremen, Jacobs University, the Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology and other well-established marine institutes.

Number of Fellowships

Up to 5 scientists and researchers from the developing countries will be sponsored each year by the NAM S&T Centre to work at ZMT Bremen under the Joint Fellowship Programme. They will be selected strictly on merit and competitive basis.

Duration of Fellowship

The maximum duration of Fellowship will be three months. All the selected

scholars will have to obey the German VISA regulations according to which one can stay only for a maximum period of 90 days in Germany, beyond which the VISA regulations are more stringent.

Eligibility

- a) The applicant must hold at least a Master of Science (M.Sc.) or an equivalent degree and should be actively engaged in research and development.
- b) There is no upper age limit, but younger scientists will be preferred.
- c) Selection is strictly on merit based on the scientific quality of the proposal submitted by the applicant.
- d) From a developing country only one scientist / researcher will be accepted in any given financial year.

Financial and Other Terms

- a) ZMT Bremen will provide subsistence allowance of €1250 per month for accommodation, meals and out-of-pocket expenses in Bremen for the duration of the fellowship.
- b) Under this scheme, the NAM S&T Centre sponsors up to five scientists each year. The Fellowship will be awarded to the scientists only from the member countries of the NAM S&T Centre and only one scientist will be selected from a particular country. The Centre covers the international airfare of the selected candidates from those member countries or members of the NAM S&T – Industry Network, which have no outstanding dues towards the annual membership subscription to the Centre. [Lists of member countries and members of the NAM S&T – Industry Network are available in the Centre's website www.namstct.org]. Scientists from the member countries having outstanding dues against their membership contribution can avail this facility subject to the condition that at least the current year's payment will be made by such countries, ZMT provides a monthly subsistence allowance of 1250 Euros to the fellows meet the accommodation and other expenses in Bremen.
- c) ZMT Bremen will provide all possible facilities and access to various equipment in its constituent laboratories, which may be required by the Fellows for implementing their research activity under the supervision of a senior ZMT scientist.
- d) Individual Fellows or their governments / institutions will be required to bear the following costs:
 - ❖ All expenses in the home country incidental to travel abroad, including expenditure for passport and visa, required medical examinations and vaccinations and miscellaneous expenses such as internal travel to/from the airport of departure in the home country.
 - ❖ Salary and other related allowances for the Fellows during the Fellowship period.
 - ❖ Cost towards medical insurance to cover the period of Fellowship in Germany.

- e) The NAM S&T Centre and ZMT Bremen will not assume responsibility for the following expenditure in connection with the Fellowship of a particular scientist/researcher:
- ❖ Insurance, medical bills or hospitalisation fees.
 - ❖ Compensation in the event of death, disability or loss of personal belongings or compensation for damage caused by climatic or other conditions.

Submission and Selection of Applications

- a) Applications for the fellowship may be submitted in the prescribed format (**attached**) directly to the NAM S&T Centre **and not to ZMT Bremen**. Incomplete applications will be rejected.
- b) A proposal on the scientific work to be carried out at ZMT Bremen must be attached with the application. To prepare the proposal the applicants may carefully study the material available on the website of ZMT Bremen [www.leibniz-zmt.de] and then, if necessary, get in touch with the ZMT at E-mail: stefanie.abrahams@leibniz-zmt.de
- c) Five applicants will be selected each year out of all the applications received based on the professional details supplied and the Plan of Work submitted by the applicants.
- d) In matter of selection, the decision of the NAM S&T Centre and ZMT Bremen shall be final.