

The Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research ([www.leibniz-zmt.de](http://www.leibniz-zmt.de)) in Bremen is a member of the Leibniz Association, which is supported by the German Federal and State Governments. Through its research, ZMT contributes to developing science-based strategies for sustainable use of tropical coastal systems.

The Research Groups 'Development and Knowledge Sociology' and 'Submarine Groundwater Discharge' at ZMT; together with the Institute of Sociology at the University of Bremen are seeking a

## Master student

in Sociology, Social Anthropology, Transcultural Studies or Human Geography, and with a strong interest in the field of Science and Technology Studies, in the final phase of his/her studies to conduct research and write an MA thesis on: **"Everyday Practices of Interdisciplinary Knowledge Production in Submarine Groundwater Discharge Research"**.

Jointly supervised by Prof. Dr. Anna-Katharina Hornidge (Development and Knowledge Sociology, ZMT & FB 8, University of Bremen) and Dr. Nils Moosdorf (Submarine Groundwater Discharge, ZMT) the MA thesis will empirically assess the everyday practices of interdisciplinary work organisation and research in the transcontinental and newly emerging research community on submarine groundwater discharge. *Conceptually* the study will be embedded in ongoing discussions in the field of Science and Technology Studies, from Sociology of Knowledge and of Technology, as well as older Laboratory Studies. *Empirically* the thesis will rest on largely qualitative ethnographic research redrawing the transcontinental formation process of the interdisciplinary and young field of submarine groundwater discharge research and assessing how interdisciplinary interaction, motivated by a joint research object, is enacted in the everyday. In cooperation with internal ZMT partners and those who have been closely collaborating with the SGD WG (i.e. individual scientists, international organizations, higher education/research institutions etc.) the MA student will be provided with the opportunity to study the formation of a niche community in marine research, and how a transcontinentally operating research network, such as the submarine groundwater discharge community, evolve and take shape in the ways that they do. The empirically-based insights will then contribute to a larger research project on different types of marine interdisciplinarity, and thus on interdisciplinary research processes in the field of marine sciences.

### Requirements:

- Applicants should hold a BA degree and be at the final stage of his/her MA studies in afore mentioned fields/disciplines;
- Should have knowledge of and/or deepened interest in Sociology of Knowledge, Science and Technology Studies, approaches to studying networked relations, nature-culture interactions, marine social science-related;
- Expertise with qualitative empirical research techniques (semi-structured (expert) interviews, participant observation etc.);
- High level of written and spoken English would be beneficial.

### Application:

Interested candidates are invited to send in a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae and a brief research proposal and a sample of his/her writing (e.g. past term paper) as a single pdf file to: Prof. Dr. Anna-Katharina Hornidge ([anna-katharina.hornidge@leibniz-zmt.de](mailto:anna-katharina.hornidge@leibniz-zmt.de)).

**Deadline:** Advertisement remains open until a suitable candidate is selected.