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Subject: PhD position in Evolutionary Macroecology of Plants

I seek a motivated candidate for a 4-year PhD position (from 1st Sept, 2016) on the project Macroecological and Evolutionary Determinants of Phylogenetic and Functional Diversity of Plant Communities.

Supervisor: Senior Researcher Pille Gerhold (<http://kodu.ut.ee/~urbasp/>) within Macroecology workgroup (<http://www.botany.ut.ee/macroecology/en/>) at the University of Tartu, Estonia (<http://www.ut.ee/en/welcome>)

The PhD project will challenge the established knowledge on the patterns and processes behind plant phylogenetic and functional diversity with a meta-study approach.

The aim is to test global patterns across vegetation types and biogeographical regions, and macroecological and evolutionary factors that may have shaped these patterns.

University of Tartu is an old internationally-recognized academic unit (founded in 1632) with 6 Centers of Excellence today.

Tartu is a small and vibrant university town with 100,000 residents and 14,000 students, including over 1000 international students.

English is widely spoken in Tartu as well as in Estonia.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANT:

Master's degree

Strong interest and experience in Plant Ecology, Evolutionary Ecology, Macroecology, Statistics.

Excellent English

REQUIREMENTS FOR PhD THESIS:

Doctoral student will be enrolled in the Faculty of Science and Technology (<http://www.ut.ee/en/studies/doctoral-studies/programs>)

Doctoral student will publish min 3 papers in peer-reviewed journals.

SALARY:

Monthly scholarship of 850 EUR. This will cover well living costs in Estonia.

APPLICATION:

Please send your CV and motivation letter to: pille.gerhold@ut.ee

Deadline: 1st March 2016

Online Announcement: <http://kodu.ut.ee/~urbasp/PhD.html>

For any questions, please contact: pille.gerhold@ut.ee

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