

**From:** James Weedon  
**Subject:** PhD Position in Soil Microbial Ecology at VU Amsterdam - The Netherlands

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The Department of Ecological Science at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam is looking to recruit a PhD student for a project starting in early 2017. The position is fully funded for four years.

The project aims to test the hypothesis that tree species influence soil carbon storage through the interaction of their litter functional traits with the composition and activity of the soil microbial communities. We are looking for candidates with an interest in molecular microbial ecology, soil organic matter dynamics and/or plant functional trait research. More details here:

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Application deadline is November 25

\*Note that the requirement for an MSc refers to the European higher education system. Candidates with a 4-year undergraduate degree + some research experience will also be considered\*

Please contact [james.weedon@vu.nl](mailto:james.weedon@vu.nl) with any questions regarding the position and project.

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