

Scholarships from Landscape to Laboratory:

Interdisciplinary Research in the Peatlands of the Future

Are you eager to contribute to research tackling some of today's most pressing environmental challenges?

Peatlands play a key role in climate mitigation, biodiversity conservation and sustainable land use. At WETSCAPES2.0, researchers from a wide range of disciplines are working together to understand and shape the peatlands of the future.

Join one of Europe's largest interdisciplinary peatland research initiatives and work alongside researchers from ecology, hydrology, microbiology, geosciences, and more.

Duration: 6–12 months
Funding: €1,753/month
Deadline: 15 November 2026
Location: Greifswald & Rostock
Language: English, German

WETSKILLS, the Integrated Research Training Group of ↗ [WETSCAPES2.0](#), offers research scholarships for outstanding graduates interested in addressing complex environmental challenges through interdisciplinary research that combines field investigations, laboratory experiments, environmental monitoring, modelling, and stakeholder engagement.

The programme is open to outstanding scholars at doctoral level from around the world who wish to gain research experience within one of the interdisciplinary WETSCAPES2.0 subprojects. WETSKILLS invites applications for research scholarships with a duration of 6 to 12 months. Scholarship projects are designed to contribute to an ongoing doctoral research project.

Applications are welcome from candidates representing all scientific disciplines covered by the WETSCAPES2.0 research programme.

Application Process

Applications must be submitted as a single PDF document by **15 November 2026** via email to Dr. Andreas Bauwe at wetskills@uni-rostock.de.

The application package must include:

1. Motivation Statement (maximum 2 pages), outlining:
 - ❖ The research you intend to conduct during your stay at a WETSCAPES2.0 partner institution;
 - ❖ How your proposed research relates to the objectives of WETSCAPES2.0;
 - ❖ Your preferred host subproject. Please consult the ↗ [WETSCAPES2.0 subpage](#) for details on available subprojects.
2. Your preferred duration of stay (6–12 months).

3. Curriculum Vitae (maximum 1 page).
4. Academic Certificates, including:
 - ❖ A copy of the highest degree obtained; and
 - ❖ A transcript of records or a list of completed courses.

Eligibility and Funding Conditions

The scholarship programme is open to both national and international graduates. It is not intended to support PhD students who are already conducting a research project within one of the WETSCAPES2.0 working groups.

Successful applicants will receive a scholarship of **€1,753 (€ 1,650 base amount and € 103 research allowance) per month** for a period of 6 to 12 months at one of the host institutions. The scholarship is intended to cover living expenses during the research stay. In addition to financial support, scholarship holders become part of the WETSKILLS training programme and benefit from an interdisciplinary research environment, close collaboration with researchers across participating institutions, and access to the scientific infrastructure of WETSCAPES2.0.

Upon arrival at the host institution, scholarship holders will enter into a formal scholarship agreement with the University of Rostock. The award of a scholarship does not establish an employment relationship with the University of Rostock. Scholarship holders are responsible for obtaining and maintaining adequate health and accident insurance coverage at their own expense. WETSKILLS will support scholarship holders in identifying suitable accommodation. However, participants are responsible for arranging their own housing and managing their day-to-day living arrangements during their stay. Travel expenses to and from the host institution cannot be reimbursed.

Scholarship holders may enrol at the University of Rostock or the University of Greifswald if they wish. However, enrolment is not mandatory for participation in the programme.

Join an interdisciplinary research community dedicated to advancing peatland science and helping shape the sustainable management of peatlands for the future.

We look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you in Germany!