

Call for applications

Student or scientific assistant (SHK/WHK)

Data support for project 'The demise of dwarfs and giants: ecological naiveté and extinction risk in insular vertebrates'

Working time: max. 19 hours per week for 2/3 months

Why are islands epicenters of biodiversity loss as well as hosts to fascinating vertebrates which are often threatened or already extinct? To help develop a dataset of fossil occurrences on islands worldwide, we offer a student assistant position at the German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv). The project is supervised by Dr. Roberto Rozzi (sDiv Postdoc).

Job description:

- Your main duty will be to collate fossil occurrences of Cenozoic mammals from selected islands
- You will harmonize and integrate data from different sources (e.g., books, scientific papers, databases) into a dataset to support a research project on body size evolution and extinction of insular mammals.

Requirements / expected profile:

- You are currently a BSc or MSc student in a related research discipline (e.g., archaeology, zoology, ecology, palaeontology, geography, geology) or you already hold a Master's or equivalent degree in a related field of research
- You will seek data from diverse sources and you should be familiar with at least one the following topics: taxonomy and systematics of mammals, principles of stratigraphy, absolute dating methods.
- Good English language skills are a prerequisite, and skills in other languages are beneficial.
- Your place of work is the German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) in Leipzig. Part-time home office options may be arranged for students from outside Leipzig.

You will be employed as a student assistant via Leipzig University. The preferred starting date is **01 October 2020 or shortly thereafter**. Applications should be directed to Dr Roberto Rozzi (roberto.rozzi@idiv.de) and include a curriculum vitae.

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