



Call for Applications: MSc Research Positions

Integrated Assessment of Environmental and Socioecological Dynamics in Lüderitz Bay, Namibia

Blue Benguela Current Action (BBCA) Project

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The Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for three Master of Science (MSc) research positions under the BBBCA Project. The studies form one coordinated interdisciplinary research programme focused on the environmental, ecological, biological and socioecological dynamics of Lüderitz Bay.

POSITION 1: ENVIRONMENTAL VARIABILITY	POSITION 2: BIODIVERSITY & GENE ALTERATIONS	POSITION 3: APPLIED STATISTICS
Characterising Oceanographic and Climatic Variability in Lüderitz Bay: Establishing Baseline Data to Support Sustainable Marine Stewardship	Biodiversity, Environmental Genomics and Molecular Responses to Environmental Stressors in Lüderitz Bay	Integrated Statistical and Socio-Economic Analysis of Climate, Environmental Conditions and Marine-Based Activities in Lüderitz Bay
Environmental monitoring · Oceanography · Water quality · Upwelling · Climate variability · Remote sensing · GIS	Marine biodiversity · Molecular analysis · Gene expression · eDNA · Metabarcoding · Bioinformatics · Habitat mapping	Statistical modelling · Environmental extremes · EVT · Time-series · Marine industries · Livelihoods · Governance · Blue economy

Candidate Profile and Research Commitment

Applicants should hold a relevant Honours degree appropriate to the selected research area and demonstrate strong academic potential, research interest, analytical and communication skills, ability to work independently and in a multidisciplinary team, and willingness to undertake relevant research activities in Lüderitz. Experience in GIS, statistical analysis/modelling, environmental research, molecular techniques, bioinformatics, socio-economic research, participatory research or related methods will be an advantage, depending on the position.

Position-Specific Calls

Click on the links below for full details on the specific positions

Position 1: Call for Applications MSc - Environmental Variability

Position 2: Call for Applications MSc - Biodiversity and Gene Alterations

Position 3: Call for Applications MSc - Applied Statistics

 **Closing date:**
Friday, 09 October 2026

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Application Requirements

Submit: [1] CV; [2] Certified academic qualifications and transcripts/records; [3] Brief motivation letter indicating the preferred position; [4] A two to three-page research concept outlining the proposed approach; [5] Contact details of two academic/professional referees; and [6] Any other supporting documentation as may be required by the selection committee.

Successful applicants will receive a monthly stipend to cover study and basic living costs for the duration of the project.