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# URBAN SOIL MICROBIAL ECOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

- Position opportunities -

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**To support research ongoing in a BMBF-funded project "Bridging in Biodiversity Research" (BIBS) we are looking for a doctoral student to carry out work on soil molecular microbial ecology in approx. 60 grassland sites around the city of Berlin, Germany (plus potentially additional sites in the surrounding landscape). These sites form part of the CityScapeLabs and many research teams carry out their own measurements there.**

The offer is for a scholarship (1.400 EUR per month), initially for 1 year, renewable to 3 years to carry out this work and to engage with the rest of the team. The research costs are fully covered. Organism groups to be assessed along the urbanity gradient can include bacteria and fungi, as well as other specific groups in which the candidate is interested. The candidate should be interested in soil ecology and urban ecology and will join our dynamic lab of currently 50 persons, as well as the BIBS consortium with ample opportunities for collaborations. Prior experience with molecular methods, statistics and/or high-throughput sequencing is desirable. The successful candidate will be enrolled in the new Biodiversity, Ecology & Evolution doctoral program at Freie Universität Berlin.

To apply, **please send your cv to [matthias.rillig at fu-berlin.de](mailto:matthias.rillig@fu-berlin.de)** - position open until filled. Candidates must have completed their MSc degree.

We are looking for someone to start as soon as possible.