At the University of Rostock, Faculty of Interdisciplinary Research, Department Maritime Systems, subject to funding, applications are invited for the position starting on August 01, 2018 of a Doctoral Researcher (pay scheme TV-L E13, 26.8h/week, fixed-term PhD position in 3-year project).

The research is carried out within the framework of project 'Role of meio- and macrofauna in benthic ecosystem functioning: Testing effects of different ice cover regimes' within the German DFG Priority Program 'Antarctic Research'. The project is jointly run by Dr Heike Link at the University of Rostock and by Dr Gritta Veit-Köhler at the German Centre for Marine Biodiversity Research, Senckenberg, Wilhelmshaven.

Job description:
- Planning and conducting experimental studies in polar benthic ecology of Meio- and Macrofauna
- Research work on benthic ecology focusing on meio- and macrofaunal communities in regions subject to environmental change
- Analysis of benthic faunal samples
- Analysis of biogeochemical samples, particularly for stable isotopes
- Assessment and detailed statistical analysis of faunal community and environmental data
- Developing a scientific reputation through publication in peer-reviewed journals and discussion in the scientific community (including conferences)
- Developing technical skills in benthic marine ecology

Requirements:
- Master’s degree in marine biology, biology, ecology or any closely related field with good results
- Experience in statistical data analysis in ecology, lab analytics and/or taxonomic identification
- Previous experiences in publication, experimental studies and/or work at sea are an asset
- Ability and willingness to work on longer seagoing expeditions
- Willingness to work in an interdisciplinary team
- Good English writing and communication skills are mandatory
- We expect the willingness to work committedly on the own doctorate degree within the project

We offer:
- A multi-faceted, diverse and challenging occupation in a university which is rich in tradition but at the same time innovative, modern and family-friendly being located in a lively city at the Baltic Sea
- The possibility of pursuing a dissertation
- Employment in accordance with the provisions of the public sector’s wage agreement (TV-L)
- The remuneration will be paid in accordance with remuneration group 13 TV-L/13 Ü if the personal and tariff prerequisites are satisfied
**Further Information**

The limitation of the term of employment complies with § 2 (1) WissZeitVG.

Equal opportunity is an essential part of our human resources policy. In case of equal qualification, applications from severely disabled people or equivalent are explicitly welcome. The University of Rostock seeks to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching and particularly encourages female applicants to apply for this position. Applications from foreign scientists and people with migration background are appreciated.

We are looking forward to your application. Please send your application clearly stating the job advertisement number until latest June 25, 2018.

**Applications by email only in pdf-format as a single file to bewerbungen.personal@uni-rostock.de**

Please note that application and travel expenses are not reimbursed by the Federal State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

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**Application deadline: 25.06.2018**

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