



International Pre-doctoral Internship Program of the *Microcosm Earth Center Marburg* Call for applications 2025

The [Microcosm Earth Center](#) (MEC) is a joint center of the Max Planck Institute for Terrestrial Microbiology and Philipps-Universität Marburg, which was established recently with generous support from the Max Planck Society and the State of Hesse.

We offer up to 13 funded pre-doctoral internships in the field of **microbiology** at the Research Campus in Marburg. The duration of the internships is between **3 and 6 months**.

We are looking for:

- Ambitious early-career talents from the Global South
- Candidates who hold a Master's degree or equivalent or are in the final stages of their Master's program in biology, biochemistry, genetics, molecular biology, microbiology, bioinformatics, chemistry, chemical biology, physics, biophysics, geochemistry or another relevant field
- Candidates who are interested in the possibility to start a PhD in the field of microbiology in Marburg

How to apply?

Please send a written application to mec-predoc@mpi-marburg.mpg.de by **November 17, 2024**. Required application documents are:

- Your *curriculum vitae* (CV)
- Letter of motivation
- List of up to 3 preferred projects selected from the project booklet file, organized in a descending order of priority (1-most preferred project).

Successful applicants will be associated with the [Microcosm Earth Center](#) for the duration of the internship and will receive gross 2200 € per month (full time, before tax deduction) to cover necessary expenses (housing and living). Funding can be granted for the fiscal year 2025. Please note that a work permit from the German Federal Employment Agency (ZAV) is required (please consider times for application), so that starting the internship in late spring / summer 2025 would be realistic.

The Max Planck Society and the Philipps-Universität are committed to gender equality and diversity. Therefore, we welcome applications from persons regardless of their gender, disability, age, sexual orientation/identity, ethnicity, social origin/education, work-life balance and religion.

Applicants with a disadvantaged social background are strongly encouraged to apply.

Furthermore, we seek to increase the number of women in those areas where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourage women to apply.