

A Ph.D. studentship

Butterflies and moths as pollinators along an Afrotropical altitudinal gradient

We are seeking a highly motivated Ph.D. student to join a project assessing studies of plant-pollinator relationships between butterflies and moths (Lepidoptera) with selected groups of flowering plants (Rubiaceae and Acanthaceae) on Mt. Cameroon. The student will process already collected material, as well as actively participate on field sampling (at least two times during the study) of data and their subsequent processing in collaboration with international specialists. The length of the study is 4 years. The successful applicant will be supervised by Dr. Robert Tropek and Dr. Stepan Janecek as a part of the multidisciplinary team at the Faculty of Science, Charles University of Prague with a close collaboration with the Institute of Entomology and Institute of Botany, Czech Academy of Sciences.

Offered - attractive scientific topic in an established international team - standard university scholarship (up to 114,000 CZK annually according to discharging of the study responsibilities) together with the support of the STARS project (120,000 CZK annually; <http://www.stars-natur.cz>) for four years, it sufficiently covers living expenses in the Czech Republic

Required - enthusiasm in nature and ecological science - ability to lead a field research in challenging conditions of tropical environments - fluency in English - a MSc degree in biology or related fields Desirable (but not necessary) - previous experience of collaboration in scientific projects evidenced by a (co)authorship of research papers or conference contributions - previous experience with insects and/or plants - basic knowledge of French All applicants will apply for the position online through <http://www.stars-natur.cz/>. The deadline for application is the 28th February 2015, the successful candidate will be selected till early April. The position is available from the beginning of 2015/2016 academic year. All questions should be sent directly to Robert Tropek (robert.tropek@gmail.com).