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**From: Centre for Science and Technology of Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre)**

**To: Focal Points of the NAM S&T Centre in its Member Countries  
Scientists and Science Administrators in Developing Countries**

**Cc: ZMT, Bremen, Germany**

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**SUBJECT: *JOINT NAM S&T CENTRE - ZMT BREMEN (GERMANY) FELLOWSHIP ON  
"BLUE ECONOMY IN TROPICAL COASTAL MARINE RESEARCH"***

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2024**

The Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre; [www.namstct.org](http://www.namstct.org)) is pleased to invite applications from suitable candidates for the "**Joint NAM S&T Centre - ZMT Bremen (Germany) Fellowship**" on *Blue Economy in Tropical Coastal Marine Research* for the year 2024.

This Fellowship Programme was initiated in January 2008 for the affiliation of scientists from the developing countries with the *Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT), Bremen, Germany* [[www.leibniz-zmt.de](http://www.leibniz-zmt.de)] for a period of up to 3 months to work with its Senior Researchers and Faculty Members for upgrading research skills in the fields related to Ecology, Biogeochemistry, Geology, Theoretical Ecology and Modelling, Social Sciences and Tropical Coastal Marine Systems, and undertaking short-term Joint Research Projects at ZMT, Bremen. ZMT research is organized in five thematic, interdisciplinary program areas (see more information [here](#)).

Proposals in the area of Blue Economy are highly encouraged in order to strengthen research on solutions. Depending on the research topic, the selected scientists can also benefit from the ZMT's association with Bremen University and other well-established marine research institutes in Bremen.

The Fellowship will be awarded to the scientists ***only from the Member Countries of the NAM S&T Centre and NAM S&T–Industry Network Members*** and only one scientist may be selected from a particular Country/Network Member. The NAM S&T Centre sponsors up to five scientists each year for the fellowship. While the Centre will cover the international airfare of the selected scientists from its eligible Member Countries, ZMT will provide them a monthly subsistence allowance of 1250 Euros to meet the accommodation and other expenses in Bremen.

Application recommended by the parent institution of the applicant and endorsed by the Focal Point of the NAM S&T Centre in the country of the applicant may be submitted to the Centre by e-mail in the relevant format. A proposal on the scientific work to be carried out at ZMT, Bremen must be attached with the application. To prepare the proposal, applicants may carefully study the material available on the website of ZMT [[www.leibniz-zmt.de](http://www.leibniz-zmt.de)] and get in touch with the respective Scientific Work Group Leader (can also be a Senior Scientist or the Scientific Director) at ZMT for scientific questions or via the **E-mail: [nam.fellows@leibniz-zmt.de](mailto:nam.fellows@leibniz-zmt.de)** for administrative queries. Please articulate your research interest in the topic, competences you could bring in and potential outputs. To facilitate collaboration, it will be

necessary to have a support letter from the Scientific Workgroup Leader, Senior Scientist or Scientific Director at ZMT who would host the fellow.

You can find a list of work group leaders under each scientific department under this link (<https://www.leibniz-zmt.de/en/research/scientific-departments.html>).

**The last date for submission of applications for the Fellowship is Tuesday, 31 October 2023.**

The selection will be made strictly based on the professional details of the applicant, plan of work to be carried out and mutual research interest of the applicant and ZMT. Copies of the guidelines for the Fellowship and the application form are **attached** (also available at the Centre's Website- [www.namstct.org](http://www.namstct.org)). The Guidelines may please be read carefully before the submission of the application.

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**The Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (Leibniz-  
Zentrum für Marine Tropenforschung - ZMT), Bremen,  
Germany**

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**Joint NAM S&T Centre–ZMT Bremen Fellowship**

**on**

**Blue Economy in Tropical Coastal Marine Research**

**Background**

In pursuance of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concluded by the NAM S&T Centre [[www.namstct.org](http://www.namstct.org)] with the Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (Leibniz- Zentrum für Marine Tropenforschung- ZMT), Bremen, Germany [[www.leibniz-zmt.de](http://www.leibniz-zmt.de)], a Joint NAM S&T Centre – ZMT Bremen Fellowship scheme was initiated in the year 2008 for providing opportunities to the scientists from the developing countries to affiliate themselves with ZMT to upgrade their research skills and conduct joint research in Ecology, Biogeochemistry, Modelling and Tropical Coastal Marine Systems.

**Objectives**

The objectives of the Joint NAM S&T Centre – ZMT Bremen Fellowship Programme are:

- a) To provide opportunities to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to work with senior researchers and faculty members in ZMT Bremen for upgrading their research skills in the fields related to Ecology, Biogeochemistry, Geology, Theoretical Ecology and Modelling, Social Sciences and Tropical Coastal Marine Systems.
- b) To facilitate the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to undertake short-term joint research projects at ZMT Bremen.
- c) To provide a mechanism to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to use the equipment and facility of ZMT Bremen for their own research activities on mutually agreed terms and conditions.
- d) To facilitate exchange of information and contacts and create a network between the scientists and researchers from Germany and other developing countries.
- e) Depending on the research topic, the Fellows can also benefit from the ZMT's association with the University of Bremen other well-established marine institutes in Bremen.
- f) It is expected from NAM Fellows to write a Working Paper that will be published on ZMT's website during their stay at ZMT.

**Number of Fellowships**

Up to five scientists and researchers from the developing countries will be sponsored

each year by the NAM S&T Centre to work at ZMT Bremen under the Joint Fellowship Programme. Selection of applicants will be made strictly on merit and competitive basis.

### **Duration of Fellowship**

The maximum duration of Fellowship will be three months. All the selected scholars will have to obey the German VISA regulations according to which an individual can stay only for a maximum period of 90 days in Germany, beyond which the VISA regulations are more stringent.

### **Eligibility**

- a) The applicant must hold at least a Master of Science (M.Sc.) or an equivalent degree and should be actively engaged in research and development.
- b) There is no upper age limit, but younger scientists will be preferred.
- c) Selection is made strictly on merit based on the scientific quality of the research proposal submitted by the applicant.
- d) From a developing country, only one scientist/researcher will be accepted for a given financial year.

### **Financial and Other Terms**

- a) ZMT Bremen will provide a monthly subsistence allowance of €1250 for accommodation, meals and out-of-pocket expenses in Bremen for the duration of the fellowship.
- b) Under this fellowship scheme, the NAM S&T Centre sponsors up to five scientists each year. The Fellowship will be awarded to the scientists only from the Member Countries of the NAM S&T Centre and only one scientist will be selected from a particular country. The Centre covers the international airfare of the selected candidates from those Member Countries or Members of the NAM S&T– Industry Network, which have no outstanding dues towards the annual membership subscription to the Centre. [Lists of Member Countries and Members of the NAM S&T– Industry Network are available in the Centre’s website- [www.namstct.org](http://www.namstct.org)]. Scientists from the Member Countries having outstanding dues against their membership contribution can avail this facility subject to the condition that at least the current year’s payment will be made by such countries.
- c) ZMT Bremen will provide all possible facilities and access to various equipments in its constituent laboratories, which may be required by the Fellows for implementing their research activity under the supervision of a senior ZMT scientist.
- d) Individual Fellows or their governments/institutions will be required to bear the following costs:
  - ❖ All expenses in the home country incidental to travel abroad, including expenditure for passport and visa, required medical examinations and vaccinations and miscellaneous expenses such as internal travel to/from the airport of departure in the home country.
  - ❖ Salary and other related allowances for the Fellows during the Fellowship period.
  - ❖ Cost towards medical insurance to cover the period of Fellowship in Germany.
- e) The NAM S&T Centre and ZMT Bremen will not assume responsibility for the following expenditure in connection with the Fellowship of a particular

scientist/researcher:

- ❖ Insurance, medical bills or hospitalization fees.
- ❖ Compensation in the event of death, disability or loss of personal belongings or compensation for damage caused by climatic or other conditions.

### **Submission and Selection of Applications**

- a) Applications for the fellowship may be submitted in the prescribed format (**attached**) directly to the NAM S&T Centre **and not to ZMT Bremen**. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- b) A proposal on the scientific work to be carried out at ZMT Bremen must be attached with the application. To prepare the proposal the applicants may carefully study the material available on the website of ZMT Bremen [[www.leibniz-zmt.de](http://www.leibniz-zmt.de)] and then get in touch with the respective work group leader at ZMT for scientific questions or via the E-mail: [nam.fellows@leibniz-zmt.de](mailto:nam.fellows@leibniz-zmt.de) for administrative questions. It is necessary to have a support letter from the workgroup leader at ZMT who should host the fellow.
- c) Up to five applicants will be selected each year out of all the applications received based on the professional details provided and the Plan of Work submitted by the applicants.
- d) In matter of selection, the decision of the NAM S&T Centre and ZMT Bremen shall be final.

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