

The Nordic Centre for Research on Marine Ecosystems and Resources under Climate Change (NorMER) 2011-2015

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Åbo Akademi University (AAU; <http://www.abo.fi/public>) & Department of Biosciences, Environmental- and Marine Biology & Husö Biological Station (Åland Islands), Turku/Åbo, Finland, is opening:

A PhD-position in marine biology; 1 September 2012-31 December 2015

This PhD project aims at analysing the role of coastal benthic fauna as food for fish under the influence of environmental stress in the Baltic Sea.

The project will focus on the role of zoobenthos in the marine food web, and in particular the link between benthos and fish. The food web structure and function will further be linked to environmental stress, namely the impacts of climate change, eutrophication and hypoxia, as well as aspects of biodiversity, including the importance of invasive non-native species and habitat-change.

The position is placed at the Department of Biosciences, AAU, in Turku (Finland) and Husö Biological Station (Åland Islands) for the fieldwork and validation of the questions posed. The PhD-student will also have a 4-month stay in Stockholm during the program. The candidate will be enrolled at AAU.

The application should include:

1. CV + publication list
2. Motivation letter explaining why you are interested in the position
3. Description of past research experience
4. Possible references

The position is available from 1 September 2012; starting date is negotiable. Salary is according to the Finnish university system (demands level 1+ personal work-performance level; starting salary: approximately 2100 €/month).

Applications should be sent to: Prof. Erik Bonsdorff, Department of Biosciences, Åbo Akademi University, BioCity, FI-20500 Turku, Finland by 30 March 2012.

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<http://www.abo.fi/student/en/Content/Document/document/16577>

Åbo Akademi University (in Turku/Åbo on the SW coast of Finland) has approximately 7000 students and 1300 staff. The Department of Biosciences covers biology from the molecular to the ecosystem-levels. Marine environmental biology at AAU has a focus on the Baltic Sea and the archipelago and coasts with special reference to aspects of biodiversity, adaptations to environmental change, and interdisciplinary research and advice to society in environmental matters. The department is located in the BioCity-campus, and has easy access to our field station on the Åland Islands. Our teaching/working languages are Swedish and English.
(see: http://www.abo.fi/public/media/23874/akademibroschyren_english.pdf)

