

Instructions for application at ESSReS

The Earth System Science Research School (ESSReS) is a joint initiative between the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research, Bremerhaven, the Institute for Environmental Physics at the University of Bremen, and the Jacobs University, Bremen.

Admission to ESSReS is coordinated by the Alfred Wegener Institute.

The official start of the Research School is 01 June, 2008.



What We Are Looking For:

ESSReS seeks PhD students who have strong records of academic performance as graduate students in one of the fields related to Earth System Science and Biology. An important aspect of ESSReS is to couple observations with numerical models and simulations to better understand past and present environments.

Besides your completion of your disciplinary graduate degree we especially seek for students, who are keen to work at the border between disciplines and face the challenge of a highly interdisciplinary education and scientific career.

Your Benefits:

ESSReS provides an excellent research infrastructure and supportive environment for PhD students. Integration in internationally high-rated research groups will give you a broad experience in research to develop and improve your own skills. Opportunities of participation in expeditions on board research vessels or at research stations are only one of the multifaceted options within ESSReS.

ESSReS provides

- a **structured research training and supervision** within the PhD programme
- a **clearly focussed education and research plan** through regularly meetings of the **PhD committee**
- a **broad range of 'transferable skill' courses**

and prepares its PhD students for successful careers in academia and industry.

What To Do:

There are two ways of becoming a member of ESSReS:

a) as an **Internal PhD student**: (*positions are already filled*)

To become an internal PhD student you are applying for a PhD position in one of the outlined projects of the ESSReS programme. Successful applicants will be accepted as PhD students at ESSReS and will benefit from the coordinated PhD programme.

If you intend to apply as internal PhD student for project P09, follow the instructions, complete the application form and submit it, with all required supporting material, before the **deadline on 22 February, 2008** to [admission\(at\)earth-system-science.org](mailto:admission(at)earth-system-science.org).

b) as an **External PhD student**: (**online application open!**)

To become an external PhD student, you need to be employed in an external PhD project that is closely related to the research school scientific programme. Your PhD project must be registered at one of the partner Institutes AWI, University of Bremen, or Jacobs University. You can apply for participating in the educational course programme and to benefit from additional research funding options. As an external PhD student you are an equal full member of ESSReS.

If you intend to apply as an external PhD student, follow the instructions, complete the application form and submit it, with all required supporting material, before the **deadline on 15 August, 2008** to [admission\(at\)earth-system-science.org](mailto:admission(at)earth-system-science.org).

For both application methods is imperative:

1. We do not accept any hardcopies/paper copies sent by ordinary post or fax (excluding the copy of the signed main application form).
2. You may obtain your application form by going to the respective admission page on the ESSReS website.
3. Regardless of the outcome of your application we are unable to return any documents you send to us.

When You Will Be Hearing From Us:

A decision on your application will be made within eight weeks after the deadline by which you have to submit your completed application.

Admission Interview:

During the admission process the key faculty members in the academic field for which you are applying may contact you for a telephone interview.

Financial Assistance (only for internal PhD's):

During the PhD studies, ESSReS will provide candidates with a [stipend](#) that is limited to maximum 3 years. A stipend requires at the beginning of the PhD thesis that the graduation must not date back longer than 3 years. Servitors must not have completed their 30th year of age.

If you have questions concerning your application, please contact:

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