If you are interested in tropical marine ecology and physical geography, please consider applying for this fully funded PhD studentship in the UK. International students are eligible. Funding includes a stipend, a research budget, and your student fees. We welcome applications from all backgrounds. You would be based in the UK at the University of Liverpool. Fieldwork will be in Panama at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI), in Bocas del Toro.

The research topic is on the **impacts of land-based nutrient pollution on coastal ecosystems in a Caribbean bay**. The main supervisor will be Dr Kasey Clark (School of Environmental Sciences at the University of Liverpool/Research Associate at STRI), and an interdisciplinary supervision team which includes STRI Scientist, Dr Rachel Collin. Please see the advert link below, which includes a summary of the project, how to apply, and funding notes. The closing date for applications is January 13th, 2023.

<https://www.findaphd.com/phds/project/understanding-the-influence-of-land-based-nutrient-pollution-on-coastal-ecosystems-in-a-caribbean-bay/?p148549>

The application consists of your CV, the ACCE (Adapting to the Challenges of a Changing Environment) personal statement proforma, and contact information for two potential referees. In your proforma, you are encouraged to write about your commitment and excellence outside of academia, not necessarily captured in a CV. Through the proforma you should demonstrate that you have the potential to become an extraordinary future scientist, based on your curiosity, creativity and drive to learn new skills in order to tackle important environmental questions. You will apply to the PhD programme through the University of Liverpool. If you are short-listed, you will be interviewed by the ACCE sift panel. If you are successful, the start date is October 2023.

If you are from a non-English speaking country, it is possible that you’ll need an up to date English Language certificate. If you don’t yet have an English certificate, when you apply for the studentship contact [acce.dtp@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:acce.dtp@liverpool.ac.uk) and let them know that its being organised. If you are successful, a requirement in your PhD offer would be to obtain a certificate (IELTS or equivalent).

If you are interested and have any informal enquires please feel free to email [Kasey.clark@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:Kasey.clark@liverpool.ac.uk) Information, including a video workshop, on the ACCE application process can be found here: <https://accedtp.ac.uk/how-to-apply-to-acce-dtp/> and specifics about applying to ACCE at the University of Liverpool and submitting your application can be found here: <https://accedtp.ac.uk/acce-dtp-phd-opportunities-at-university-of-liverpool/>

Timeline

Submission deadline January 13th, 2023 (UK time)

Supervisory team shortlists candidates by late January, one candidate is selected

The selected candidate will be interviewed over Zoom/Teams by mid/late February

If selected the deadline for student’s acceptance is mid-March

Student starts October