



Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology

Ph.D. studentship: "Plant foods in hominin prehistory"

The Research Group on Plant Foods and Hominin Dietary Ecology in the Department of Human Evolution (<http://www.eva.mpg.de/plants/>) is seeking one or more Ph.D. students to study plant microfossils and/or plant biomarkers as a record of plant foods in human prehistory.

The project may involve developing novel methods for recovering evidence of plant food consumption, or collecting dental calculus and other samples for analysis of plant microremains. Other projects focusing on the role of plant foods throughout hominin evolution may also be considered.

Applicants should hold a Master's degree or equivalent in biology, anthropology, evolutionary ecology, or a related field. A good basic knowledge of the hominin fossil and archaeological record, and of common analytical methods, including statistics, is important.

The fellowship is limited to 3 years. The student will receive a fellowship according to the funding guidelines of the Max Planck Society. The working environment of the institute is English-speaking. Accepted students will be a part of the International Max Planck Research School (<http://imprs.eva.mpg.de/start.html>). Candidates should apply directly through the IMPRS website by 31 January 2011. For further information, contact Amanda Henry (amanda_henry@eva.mpg.de).