



Evolution and Ecology Research School Tübingen (EVEREST)

General Information for Students

What is EVEREST?

EVEREST is a graduate programme at the University of Tübingen under the formal doctoral regulations of the Faculty of Science. EVEREST supports training for, and enhances the exchange among, PhD students in Evolution and Ecology. Through structured supervision and the acquisition of extramural qualifications, students will leave the school well prepared for jobs in academia, industry, public service, and teaching. Participation in EVEREST is formally documented and thus can be added to a job application portfolio.

How do I benefit from being enrolled in EVEREST?

As a participant of EVEREST, you benefit from:

- structured supervision by a cross-disciplinary panel of scientists,
- ongoing guidance throughout your thesis work,
- transferable qualifications in areas such as statistics, informatics, or scientific writing,
- assistance for writing grant applications,
- networking with fellow students and scientists,
- a certificate with high international standards as expected for many jobs.

How do I enrol?

- (1) Agree with your prime thesis supervisor on your PhD project
- (2) Formally register as a PhD student with the Faculty of Science
- (3) Complete the additional EVEREST registration form → send to everest@uni-tuebingen.de**
- (4) Propose your *Thesis Advisory Committee* (TAC)
- (5) Complete the EVEREST supervision agreement → send to everest@uni-tuebingen.de

What is expected from EVEREST students?

We expect students to actively participate in networking within EVEREST. Individual *Thesis Advisory Committees* (TAC) meet at least once per year, organised by the PhD student. In addition, students accumulate qualifications worth 15 ECTS credit points, for example for workshops, conferences or university courses. Of these, 5 cp are awarded for fixed events within the research school (a PhD Retreat, a regular doctoral student seminar, and the yearly meeting of all Students in Evolution and Ecology), the remaining are chosen in agreement with the TAC.

How can I actively contribute to EVEREST?

We highly value the feedback from all students within EVEREST. As a formal manifestation, two elected **student representatives** (2-year terms, 1 cp reward) have **full voting rights** in the *Steering Committee* and the *EVEREST Board*. They are the prime contact partners for their fellow students as well as the EVEREST coordinators.

Interested?

For more information, contact the EVEREST office at everest@uni-tuebingen.de