

MARES joint doctoral programme on marine ecosystems health and conservation

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The MARES Doctoral Programme is a joint international thematic doctoral programme that was initiated in 2010. Since then, over 30 young scientists are actively conducting research focused on the impacts of human activities on marine ecosystems.

MARES PhD candidates focus on six scientific and applied fields, all dealing with marine ecosystems health and conservation:

1. Future Oceans : temperature changes - hypoxia - acidification
2. Understanding biodiversity effects on the functioning of marine ecosystems
3. Biological invasions
4. Natural Resources : overexploitation, fisheries and aquaculture
5. Ocean noise pollution
6. Habitat loss, urban development, coastal infrastructures and Marine Spatial Planning

The programme is funded through Erasmus Mundus and is offered by a consortium of 24 partners, originating from 14 different countries. MARES offers each year 9 fellowships of 3 year for doctoral researchers. These fellowships always involve at least 2 partners of the MARES Consortium with an obligatory mobility component. The call for applications is open between September and December for fellowships starting at the earliest in September the year after.

Beside its research component, the MARES doctoral programme has also a training programme which is open to any doctoral student in the field of marine science. Doctoral students enrolling in this doctoral training programme have access to a wide range of doctoral training initiatives, are invited to annual meetings and can benefit from expert guidance for both research and training issues.

Website of the MARES joint Doctoral Programme: www.mares-eu.org