The Onni Talas Foundation has opened the call for grants for the calendar year 2020. The foundation supports marine research projects at Tvärminne Zoological Station, University of Helsinki, particularly concerning the coastal environment of the Gulf of Finland.

The applicants can be at the final stages of their MSc studies (then the grant period starts after receiving the degree) or PhD students. Funding is applied for annually, but a timetable and estimated budget for the whole project should be included in the application. The personal grant is 1950 € per month, including a compulsory pension insurance fee that the student has to pay (https://www.mela.fi/en/grant-and-scholarship-recipients). The foundation may also fund well-justified research expenses, such as travel, boat and laboratory costs at Tvärminne, consumables, and publication costs (one open access article á 1500 € per PhD thesis). The foundation does not fund personal computers.

The deadline for applications is 28.11.2019 and the applications are submitted using the form found on the TZS webpages (https://www.helsinki.fi/en/research-stations/tvarminne-zoological-station/station/tzs-events-open-calls-etc.). A research plan (max. 5 pages), a popular summary of the research plan (max. 200 words), a short CV and a budget should be attached to the application. The whole PhD plan and timetable should be presented. Applicants applying for continued funding have to include a progress report.

The granted applications will be announced on the TZS webpages.

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