

Within the newly established research platform “Plastics in the Environment” (PLENTY), funded by the University of Vienna,

Three Ph.D. positions on Plastics in the Environment

are available.



We offer

- Working in an **interdisciplinary, innovative research project**
- The **support from a team of internationally recognized senior researchers** to develop all the skills necessary to complete a PhD project
- A working environment with many opportunities for **career development** (networking, conferences, project meetings etc...)
- A three year work contract 30h/week with a competitive salary include social security, health care and approx. € 29,500.- gross salary per year

The research platform PLENTY investigates the global plastic pollution aiming to assess the environmental impact of plastics and the societal perception of plastics in daily life, thus effectively linking the environmental and socioecological aspects of the fate of plastics in our environment. In addition to the biotic and abiotic interactions of plastics in aquatic systems, the aim is to investigate how information and altered perception can potentially change the use of plastics in society.

The 3 Ph.D. positions focus respectively on:

- the **plastic-environment interactions** exploring cultural narratives produced by citizens and their habits of dealing with plastic in everyday context at the Dept. of Science & Technology Studies ([supervised by Ulrike Felt](#)).
- the **biogeochemistry and microbial ecology** of plastic particles in the marine, estuary and freshwater systems at the Dept. of Limnology & Bio-Oceanography ([supervised by Gerhard J. Herndl](#)).
- plastics as a vector of **contaminants** and the **behavior and fate of plastics in the environment** at the Dept. of Environmental Geosciences ([supervised by Thilo Hofmann](#)).

For specific requirements of the vacant positions, information on the application papers, and further information on PLENTY, please visit our webpage microplastics.univie.ac.at