

Scholarships for MA students and advanced BA students

The Professorship of Cultural Anthropology of Africa at the Institute for African Studies and Egyptology announces research scholarships, primarily for qualified and interested Master's degree students from **Anthropology, African Studies and other regional studies, including close neighbouring fields and related interdisciplinary Master programmes (such as CEA and IKB)**. Advanced BA students who aim to enter an MA programme at the UoC may also send in expressions of interest since the programme is likely to be continued in 2026. A prerequisite is a strong motivation to carry out research along the lines of one of the following themes within the field of the **Anthropology of Sharing**:

- Sharing practices beyond intimate collectives
- Sharing of loss, damage and harm
- Enabling and disabling conditions for sharing in today's market economy
- Comparative research on sharing across regional studies
- Digital archive research on modes on transfer in Khoisan languages
- Developing "serious games" on the basis of sharing principles
- Sharing in multi-species contexts

The research scholarships will enable excellent students to undertake research in their Master project along the topics listed. Ideally this research should lead to an MA (or BA) thesis contributing to the research initiative **"Sharing a planet in peril", hosted by the Global South Studies Center**, see <https://sharing-a-planet-in-peril.com/>.

The call for applications is open for Master's degree students (and advance BA students) from the University of Cologne and its international partner universities. The scholarship amounts to up to **600,00 € per month** for six months. Limited funds are also available for travel costs related to the research project. Applications should include a detailed CV, latest transcript of records, and a letter of motivation indicating a possible research topic (not longer than one A4-page), in a single pdf document.

Questions, applications and expressions of interest should be addressed to Prof. Dr. Thomas Widlok (thomas.widlok@uni-koeln.de). You may submit your application now, the first deadline is **22.5.2025**.

Please note that there are also student assistanceships being advertised for work on "serious games" at WHB level (deadline 1.6.2025)