



# TRANSDISCIPLINARY INTERNATIONAL LEARNING LABORATORY

*12th - 16th December 2022 (online based  
foundational course) &  
9th January - 17th March 2023 (on-site  
foundational course and research)*

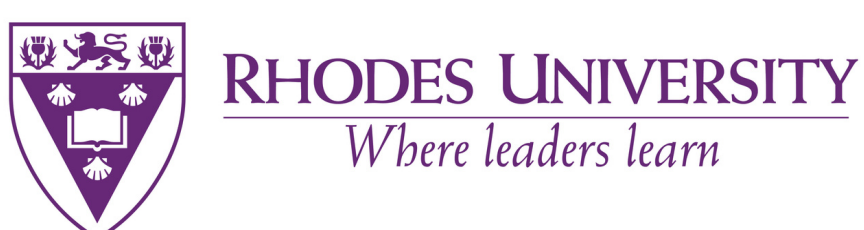
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**WHERE:  
SCHORFHEIDE-CHORIN BIOSPHERE  
RESERVE, GERMANY**

Duration: 8 - 12 weeks, depending on  
your university and research needs,  
see program details below.



Partner Universities:



# THE TRANSDISCIPLINARY INTERNATIONAL LEARNING LABORATORY (TILL)

offers students from Canada, South Africa and Germany the opportunity to deepen their intercultural skills and provides an introduction to effectively apply transdisciplinary collaboration to tackle interconnected, wicked sustainability challenges. Under the mentorship of applied researchers and community partners, the international student teams will develop a systematic understanding of the issue at hand. Through a creative strategy design, student teams will address local issues that are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the host Biosphere Reserve's research and development needs. This is an opportunity to network with students from other countries and cultural contexts and get an insight into life in the biosphere reserve. A region that is characterised by lakes, pine forests, ancient hat oaks and large unfragmented lowland beech forests. The TILL is designed to create a community of practice in which participants share a common passion and desire to learn from one another. We seek a practice built on respect and reciprocity that is based on curiosity, collaboration, connection, and accountability.

## COSTS

Participants will receive a monthly stipend and travel costs. Both are funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and sponsored by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Transdisciplinary Education Collaboration for Transformation in Sustainability (TRANSECTS) Initiative, funded by the Social Sciences and Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada. No tuition fees apply.

## DOCUMENTS FOR ADMISSION

- Application form
- Enrolment notification
- A copy of your record of transcripts/academic transcripts that shows grades (covering the past two years until now, for PHD students the Master's transcript).
- Motivation letter, in English language, approx. 1.5 pages, 500-700 words max., font size 12, Calibri, 1.5 spacing (see p.5 for recommendations).
- Reference form to be submitted within the given deadline by the referee.

## PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

You are enrolled as a senior undergraduate, Master's student or PhD at one of the partner universities. A professional recommends you for funding through the program. Strong English skills, both written and spoken. You complete your admission within the given application deadline.

## PROGRAM (preliminary dates)

### 12th - 16th December 2022

Online based foundational course on transdisciplinary thinking, forests and nature conservation in biosphere reserves, forest policy and more.

### 10th January - 17th March 2022

On-site foundational course, fieldtrips, field- and group work

### 17th - 31st March/15th April 2023 - optional for all students

Independent research: German students 2 weeks, incoming students up to 4 weeks.

Apply now at [till@hnee.de](mailto:till@hnee.de)

Deadline: Students enrolled in Germany apply by 15th July 2022, and incoming students from South Africa and Canada apply by 30th September.

Download the application package at <http://www.biospherereserves.institute/internationalisation>

Partners:

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Redberry Lake  
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