Research focus **AuLand** – Scholarship for outstanding Master and Diploma candidates

The research focus **AuLand**: *Land-Water-Interactions under the influence of new anthropogenic stressors* is part of the research initiative Rhineland-Palatinate, financed by the Ministry for Education, Science, Further Education and Culture (MBWWK).

In interdisciplinary projects, effects of anthropogenic stressors (e.g. pesticides, fertilizers, synthetic nanoparticles) and the linkage of aquatic and terrestrial (eco)systems are investigated.

Scholarships of **3000€** are available for outstanding students writing a master’s or diploma thesis in an **AuLand** relevant subject and who want to publish the results in a scientific journal.

You need to be matriculated at the University of Koblenz-Landau and writing a master’s or diploma thesis with a clear reference to the objectives of the research focus **AuLand**. It is irrelevant whether the thesis is part of a running project within **AuLand** (see www.aufland.uni-landau.de) or with a self defined interdisciplinary research question. Ideal time to apply is during the thesis period with first promising results, suitable for a scientific publication.

The steering committee will decide the granting on the basis of the qualification of the applicant, the relevance to the objectives of **AuLand** and the assessment of the thesis supervisor. In general, one scholar will be selected each application period.

**Last deadline for applications: 31 March 2016**

Best point in time for applying would be after having first results.

**Application procedure:**
Please send all documents as single pdf-file to Martin Alt: alt@uni-landau.de. You will receive a decision within few weeks after the application deadline.

**Required documents of the applicant:**
- Current excerpt from Klips with proof of academic transcript (courses and grades)
- Short summary of the research question
- Clear presentation of the interdisciplinarity and the relevance for AuLand
- Short summary of the results, ideally with information of target journal and preliminary title of the publication
- Time schedule (finishing thesis, upcoming exams)

**Required documents of the supervisor (to send directly to alt@uni-landau.de):**
- Assessment of the qualification of the applicant
- Assessment of the quality of data and the suitability for publishing in a scientific journal