

# MASTER PROJECT

## What do testate amoebae really feed on?

Testate amoebae are ubiquitous protists covering themselves with a shell. In particular in acidic soils they are among the most important consumers of bacteria and other small prey species; yet, their role in regulating prey populations and ecosystem processes is little known.

**Your help is needed for filling this gap of knowledge!**



State of the art molecular techniques will be used to get insight into food preferences of testate amoebae species.

Readiness to handle small but beautiful organisms are required.  
The work will be performed partly in Switzerland and Germany.

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