

Call for Early Career Researcher Working Groups and Modular Synthesis Projects (SynFlex)

- Pre-proposal deadline is **12 March 2024 (11:59 PM CET)**, decisions: End of March 2024
- Full proposal deadline is **14 June 2024 (11:59 PM CET)**, decisions: End of August 2024
- Start date of projects not before January 2025
- Final funding approval cannot be guaranteed yet and is subject to the approval of iDiv funding beyond DFG funding, which will happen before projects of this call start.
- Place of work and/or in-person working group meetings is [iDiv in Leipzig](#)
- All topics and questions related to synthesising biodiversity research are welcome
- **With this call, we again want to encourage proposals that engage genuinely with topics and researchers from research-wise under-represented regions (see list [here](#)).**
- Each proposal needs at least one [iDiv member](#) (full or associate member) as a participant and/or PI/Co-PI
- Lab or field work is not funded. Any research data should exist or should be identified (Catalysis activity)
- **Please read very carefully the full programme description for all details and proposal templates on our [call website](#)** (any violation of our rules lead to exclusion from the selection procedure)

Early Career Researcher Working Groups: ECR

- Applications are open to early career researchers (ECR) = people who are PhD students or completed their PhD no more than six years in the past, counted with this call deadline (extensions possible)
- Groups should consist of small collaborative teams of eight ECR participants incl. two senior researchers who meet two - three times

Modular Synthesis Projects: SynFlex

- Applications for funds to be used flexibly for different approaches, potentially to be combined: e.g. mixture of working group meetings, short-term guests, scientific support staff (based in Leipzig), catalysis meeting. Be creative!
- Working groups size can range from two to max 20 participants
- Working groups can meet up to three times
- Catalysis meeting is a one time meeting to prepare further synthesis research (e.g. grant proposals with strong iDiv component, publication, proposal for iDiv funding mechanisms etc)

sDiv is the synthesis centre of iDiv, the **German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv)** Halle – Jena – Leipzig, a research centre of the DFG. iDiv's main mission is to promote **theory-driven synthesis and data-driven theory** in biodiversity sciences and to provide the **scientific foundations for the sustainable management of biodiversity**. sDiv supports this mission by ensuring close collaboration between theoreticians, empiricists, and practitioners inside and outside of iDiv, by fostering the establishment and maintenance of networks within the scientific community across the world.