

iDiv Junior Research Groups

Call for externally funded Junior Research Group Leaders (m/f/d)

Startup support for Junior Research Group Leaders - Your external research grant with iDiv as host

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Are you an excellent researcher (f/m/d) with a ground-breaking research idea in the field of biodiversity?

iDiv Halle-Jena-Leipzig – as one of the globally leading research centres for biodiversity change – invites you to work in our world class research environment.

We offer you the opportunity to **start your own externally funded group at iDiv**. We are addressing **early-career scientists (f/m/d) who have applied for a grant, or are planning to do so**, and seek a home institution for establishing their own group.

At iDiv you will work in a vibrant community of like-minded scholars addressing some of the major biodiversity-related issues of the future. Moreover, you will receive financial support to set up a lab with facilities, personnel and a running budget. As a diverse and inclusive workplace, we care about you and do our best to support you to do great science. You can benefit for example from our welcome centre for internationals, our flexible childcare or our career development offers. We especially encourage proposals from female researchers.

Your potential host

The **German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig** is a National Research Centre funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). Its central mission is to promote theory-driven synthesis and data-driven theory in this emerging field. The iDiv concept encompasses recording biodiversity, understanding its emergence, exploring its consequences for ecosystem functions and services, and developing strategies to safeguard biodiversity under global change. Located in Leipzig, it is a central institution of Leipzig University and is jointly hosted by the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, the Friedrich Schiller University Jena and the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ). It receives further support from the Max Planck Society, the Leibniz Association and the Free State of Saxony. More information about iDiv: www.idiv.de.

iDiv is a central facility of Leipzig University within the meaning of Section 92 (1) of the Act on Academic Freedom in Higher Education in Saxony (Sächsisches Hochschulfreiheitsgesetz, SächsHSFG). It is run together with the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg and the Friedrich Schiller University Jena, as well as in cooperation with the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ. The following non-university research institutions are involved as cooperation partners: the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ, the Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry (MPI BG), the Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology (MPI CE), the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (MPI EVA), the Leibniz Institute DSMZ–German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, the Leibniz Institute of Plant Biochemistry (IPB), the Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research (IPK) and the Leibniz Institute Senckenberg Museum of Natural History Görlitz (SMNG).

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Our offer for support of grant proposal writing:

- Prior to submission, candidates will have the opportunity to closely work with an iDiv member to develop a high-quality grant application (sharpen research idea, advice on budget, proofreading and quality check of draft proposals)

Our offer for successful JRGL grantees (after securing external funding):

- Financial and administrative support as well as a JRG start-up package
- Excellent and top-notch research infrastructure (e.g. experimental facilities, high-performance computing)
- Opportunities to build your professional network within our consortium
- Opportunities for teaching and student supervision at yDiv and the participating universities
- Access to a competitive internal research funding
- Career development support such as training in supervision and individual coaching

Your Profile:

- You are expected to perform innovative biodiversity research matching iDiv's program and mission, and complementing [existing research](#) with novel interdisciplinary ideas
- You should already have been successful in raising independent funding for your own position and/ or research group or are planning to do so (e.g. Emmy Noether Programme (DFG), ERC Grant, BMBF Junior Research Groups, Heisenberg-Programme or Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Sofja Kovalevskaja Award)
- You must hold a doctoral degree (Ph.D. or equivalent) in a related field and preferably have some experience as a postdoctoral researcher
- You have an excellent scientific track record, demonstrated by several publications in international peer-reviewed journals

iDiv is committed to establishing and maintaining a diverse and inclusive community that collectively supports and implements our mission to do great science. We welcome, recruit, develop and advance talented staff from diverse genders and backgrounds.

Your application should contain:

- Statement about your planned research project and how this project matches with current iDiv research (max. 2 A4 pages), please also indicate your current status of grant application
- Information about your desired support package from iDiv
- CV and your publication list

Applications should be submitted online via
<https://apply.idiv.de/> by 1 January 2024.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Prof. Henrique Pereira by email (Henrique.pereira@idiv.de).