

## **Criteria for the evaluation of applications for associate iDiv membership**

### **General principles:**

1. The iDiv bylaws regulate iDiv membership.
2. The criteria for iDiv membership evaluation are supposed to help the SSB decide objectively about membership applications.
3. The membership criteria evaluation needs to be consistent with the iDiv bylaws.

### **What do the iDiv's bylaws say about associate members?**

Scientists can be accepted as associate members if

1. active at one of the participating institutions (hosting or partner institutions), and
2. have special expertise in specific iDiv research fields and can thus support iDiv (e.g. researchers who have the experience to act as advisors for iDiv or outstanding young scientists, usually at least at postdoc level, who contribute substantially to iDiv's mission with their work).

### **Evaluation Criteria**

The following criteria match closely to the items mentioned in the bylaws as conditions for associate membership.

#### **Criterion 1: Active at one of the institutions of the iDiv consortium**

The institutions of the iDiv consortium: Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Leipzig University, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ, Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry, Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leibniz Institute German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Leibniz Institute of Plant Biochemistry, Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research, Leibniz Institute Senckenberg Museum of Natural History.

#### **Criterion 2: Special expertise in specific iDiv research fields**

Special expertise in certain iDiv research fields can be proven by a recent record of publications (first- or co-authorship) or a successful proposal for third-party funding (PI or Co-PI) in a discipline directly related to biodiversity research (e.g., ecology, evolutionary biology, systematics) or in a more distant discipline with clear applications in biodiversity research (e.g., computer science, geography, agronomy, forestry, psychology, economics), or by developing or maintaining iDiv related platforms, databases, technical or virtual tools, or by contributions to iDiv related projects (e.g., the Jena Experiment, AquaDiva, Flora Inkognita, Biodiversity Exploratories, but also FluxNet, NutNet, GEO BON), biodiversity monitoring by NGOs, or social sciences related to integrative biodiversity research. Engagement in activities related to policy advice (e.g. IPBES, BMBF Faktencheck), or stakeholder involvement (e.g., conservation projects with co-design) or significant contributions to the visibility of integrated biodiversity research by media coverage, public talks, YouTube, exhibitions, etc. or to capacity building concerning integrated biodiversity research (e.g. capacity building projects) during the last five years.

#### **Criterion 3: Scientists who can support iDiv**

The potential to support iDiv can be indicated by the following aspects:

**Scientists who have the experience to act as advisors for iDiv**

Scientists at the level of professor, head of department or institute director, who would rather prefer to not fully engage or commit to iDiv, but who are interested to support iDiv and provide advice.

**Outstanding young scientists who contribute substantially to iDiv's mission**

Scientists usually at least the level of postdoctoral researcher (postdoc) with outstanding contribution to iDiv's mission:

- 1) provide international leadership and support collaborative research on the generation, maintenance and change of biodiversity and its functions from local to global scales,
- 2) use this knowledge to engage with policymakers and the public to preserve, restore and sustainably use our planet's biodiversity.

**Others (e.g. academic mid-level faculty)**

Please indicate your potential to support iDiv.

**Acceptance for associate membership: Criterion 1 and 2 fulfilled and at least one requirement in Criterion 3 fulfilled.**