

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

- Pre-proposal deadline is **16 December 2022 (11:59 PM CET)**, decisions: 19 January 2023
- Full proposal deadline is **19 April 2023 (11:59 PM CET)**, decisions: 28 July 2023
- Start date of projects not before January 2024
- Project funding support cannot be guaranteed after September 2024 - this is subject to the approval of iDiv funding beyond DFG funding
- 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 or PI/Co-PI
- Lab or field work is not funded. Any research data should exist and should be available
- Please read very carefully the full programme description for all details and proposal templates on our [call website](#)

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 helpers (based in Leipzig) - be creative!
- Working groups size can range from two to max 20 participants
- Working groups can meet up to three times

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