

Call for Synthesis Working Group, Individual Postdoc, and Sabbatical Research Proposals

- **Pre-proposal deadline for working groups and postdocs is 06 December 2018.**
- **Full proposal deadline is 13 March 2019 (14:00/2:00 PM CET).**
- Start date of projects is September 2019 or later.
- Place of work and/or working group meetings is [iDiv in Leipzig](#).
- All topics and questions related to synthesizing biodiversity research are welcome.
- Projects must be synthetic; lab or field work is not funded.
- Each proposal needs at least one [iDiv member](#) as participant or PI/Co-PI. sDiv encourages all candidates to be pro-active in communicating with suitable project partners (assistance of the [sDiv coordinator](#) if needed).
- Proposals will only be accepted via the [iDiv application portal](#).
- Please see the full programme description for all details and proposal templates on our [call website](#).

Working Groups

- Meetings: approx. 15 participants who meet 2-3 times over 24 months.
- Applications are open to all scientists worldwide and can be initiated by anyone in the greater scientific community.
- Working groups that initiate collaborations are highly welcome.
- Meeting time should be devoted to product-focused work on e.g. manuscripts, 3rd party proposals or policy briefs etc.
- Working group proposals can include a request for support by a postdoc which needs a compelling justification.

Postdocs

- **Working Group Postdoc:**
 - Postdoc duration: 24 months with possible extension up to 36 months in total (remaining months and prolongation of employment upon review is possible after September 2020 subject to approval of further iDiv funding by the DFG).
 - Place of work is Leipzig.
 - Working group initiated, the postdoc supports the scientific preparation of all meetings of the working group and their outcomes.
- **Individual Postdoc:**
 - Postdoc duration: 24 months with possible extension up to 36 months in total (remaining months and prolongation of employment upon review is possible after September 2020 subject to approval of further iDiv funding by the DFG).
 - Place of work is Leipzig.
 - Self-initiated, proposing own project in collaboration with iDiv mentors. Thus, every postdoc needs to have an iDiv member as Co-PI.
 - Applicants should address novel questions or examine known problems from an innovative synthesis perspective.

Sabbaticals

- Duration: 3-12 months, either one continuous stay or can be split into several short-term periods; the majority of time to be spent in residence at iDiv.
- Programme flexibility in terms of timing, project topics and ideas on how to integrate into the iDiv community.

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.