

Call for Postdocs, Early Career Researcher Working Groups and Modular Synthesis Funding Proposals (SynFlex)

- Pre-proposal deadline is **16 March 2021 (11:59 PM CET)**.
- Full proposal deadline is **8 June 2021 (11:59 PM CET)**.
- Start date of projects is October 2021 or later.
- All funding is dependent upon successful renewal of DFG funding for iDiv (defense in March 2021). Financing after September 2024 is subject to 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 synthesizing biodiversity research are welcome.
- Lab or field work is not funded. Any research data should exist and should be available.
- Each proposal needs at least one [iDiv member](#) as participant or PI/Co-PI.
- Please see the full programme description for all details and proposal templates on our [call website](#).

Postdocs

- Duration 24 months with possible extension up to 36 months in total.
- 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 research questions or examine known problems from an innovative synthesis perspective.

Early Career Researcher Working Groups

- Meetings: 8 participants who meet 2-3 times.
- Applications are open to early career researchers worldwide (from having submitted their PHD thesis to 6 years after PHD).
- 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.

Modular Synthesis Projects

SynFlexWorld

- Funds to be used flexibly for different approaches, potentially to be combined.
- E.g mixture of individual working group meetings, short-term guests, scientific helpers (based in Leipzig), creativity encouraged.

SynflexMember

- Open for iDiv Members only (must be 1st PI of the project).
- Otherwise same rules as for SynFlexWorld apply.

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.