

Application for yDiv membership

Please add a short CV to your yDiv application.

Personal data

Last name, first name (middle name)

Date and place of birth*

Gender*

Nationality*

Email

* Information is optional and only for statistical use

Yes, I want to receive the yDiv newsletter with relevant information about yDiv and related topics. (You can unsubscribe at any time by sending an email to ydiv@idiv.de).

PhD project details

Project title

Project starting date

Affiliation Please name the university and the faculty.

Office address and phone number

Are you already a member of a graduate school? Please also specify which graduate school.

Funding of PhD project is granted by (time period, sponsor/employer) Please note: 3 years of your PhD should be financially secure.

Name of main supervisor (PI), with affiliation and email address

Name of further co-supervisor(s), affiliation(s) and email address(es) You can add this if relevant.

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Links to iDiv research *Explain briefly to which of the main research questions / areas of iDiv your work is primarily linked to*

About the yDiv membership

The uniqueness of the yDiv training and supervision programme stems from active exchange between different fields of integrative biodiversity research. yDiv furthermore provides method courses and transferable skills training as well as career support. yDiv doctoral researchers also have the opportunity to network and exchange within iDiv and yDiv and to complete a stay abroad.

Our training programme allows each doctoral researcher to flexibly choose courses and training that best support the completion of their PhD project and prepare them for a successful career in the field of biodiversity sciences or other responsible positions in politics, administration and economy.

Supervision

Each yDiv thesis project will be guided by the Principal Investigator (PI) and the PhD Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC is composed of the PI, another senior scientist from a different research group associated with the iDiv consortium, and at least one other postdoc or senior scientist. The members of the PAC are jointly chosen by the doctoral researcher and their PI.

The purpose of the PAC is to monitor the doctoral researcher's work progress, advise them regarding the development of their research project, and help in building the doctoral researcher's academic network. The PAC members are also requested to assist the doctoral researcher in all aspects of career planning.

Following the admission to yDiv, the formation of the PAC and the first meeting should take place *within the first three to six months* of the doctoral project to discuss the project plan. The PAC will meet *at least once per year* to discuss the progress of the project.

yDiv curriculum

Next to their own scientific research culminating in the PhD thesis, the doctoral researchers are obliged to complete a training programme of 12 credit points (CP). The CP system

follows the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) and courses attended elsewhere are therefore easily creditable (1 ECTS = 25–30 hours of work).

The aim of the yDiv curriculum is to broaden the horizon of the doctoral researchers within the field of biodiversity research, improve their scientific and personal skills, foster research collaborations and personal networks, enhance integration at iDiv, and allow active peer support and exchange of experiences among the doctoral researchers.

Courses and workshops will be offered by yDiv, but also by the graduate academies of the consortium and other yDiv cooperation partners.

The additional curriculum contains:

- **Courses (10 CP)** – Including the mandatory yDiv Welcome Week (which contains the mandatory course “Integrative biodiversity sciences at iDiv”), a training in “Good scientific practice”, and a minimum of 1 CP from transferrable skills courses. For more information about the courses, see the yDiv website.
- **Activities (2 CP)** – With emphasis on activities that improve the doctoral researchers professional skills, networks, and integration within yDiv and iDiv. For more information on activities, please see the curriculum table on our website.
- **Stay abroad** – A research visit at a foreign top research group is strongly recommended to all yDiv doctoral researchers. An exchange visit provides an opportunity to specialize and further qualify in a chosen field of interest. It allows for unique contacts to top experts and increases visibility of the doctoral research project. The research stay can be completed in one or several parts and should last three months in total.

yDiv certificate

After the completion of their doctoral degree and the yDiv curriculum, each doctoral researcher will receive a final certificate detailing all accomplished courses and activities.

With their signatures, the doctoral researcher and his/her supervisor confirm that the data given in the application form are correct and the conditions of the yDiv membership described above are accepted.

Doctoral researcher *(in block letters)*

Supervisor *(in block letters)*

Date, signature

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