

# yDiv Supervision Agreement – PhD Advisory Committee

The purpose of this document is to establish a PhD Advisory Committee (PAC) for the yDiv doctoral researcher, and to define the rights and responsibilities of the doctoral researcher and the PAC.

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Name of supervisor

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(Working) Title of PhD project

## Preface

yDiv provides training and support for doctoral researchers in the stimulating, interdisciplinary and international research environment of iDiv. The aim is to bridge different levels of biodiversity research, from theory to applied aspects of nature conservation. The set of approaches and methods is similarly diverse, varying from modelling to field experiments, and the objects of investigation vary from single organisms to manipulated communities and entire ecosystems. The doctoral researchers are obliged to complete a training programme of 12 ECTS credit points (CP). For more information about the yDiv graduate school please visit [www.idiv.de/ydiv](http://www.idiv.de/ydiv).

Each yDiv thesis project will be guided by the supervisor and the PAC with both theoretical and empirical expertise. The members of the PAC are jointly chosen by the doctoral researcher and their supervisor.

The document is to be filled out within three months of joining yDiv, prior to the kick-off meeting, where the PAC meets the first time.

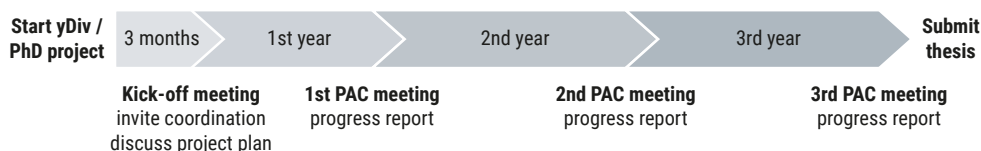
## Tasks of the PAC member

- Attend the PAC meetings and read the PAC documents prepared by the doctoral researcher
- Make sure that the PhD project plan is clear and realistic, and achievable in the planned time frame – help to adjust the plan when needed
- Check the PhD progress against the set milestones and help to solve questions or problems
- Give constructive and supportive feedback
- Help in building a professional network and in aspects of career planning
- Serve as personal contact for individual advice
- Support in cases of problems and conflicts with the main supervisor

## Tasks of the doctoral researcher

- Convenes the PAC, organises and leads the meetings
- Reports about progress of the PhD project (i.e. milestones, publications, delays)
- Prepares PAC documents (project plan and progress reports) and sends them to the PAC and the yDiv coordination to read before the meeting
- Keeps PAC members updated

## Reporting schedule



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## Support in conflict situations

In a conflict situation either or both parties can appeal to the iDiv counsellors or the ombudspersons of the universities who will assist in solving the conflict. Please find more information on the yDiv website.

By signing this document I assure that I accept the tasks and responsibilities stated in this form.

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