Vacancies announcements – 5th flexpool call: postdoctoral researchers 2020

iDiv, the German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research Halle-Jena-Leipzig, invites applications to 6 postdoctoral researcher positions from fall 2020 onwards for candidates who have a strong background in integrative biodiversity research and are keen to develop scientific networks. They will play a vital part in enhancing iDiv’s scientific strategy and sharpening the research profile of iDiv in key thematic areas.

iDiv is a national research centre funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). It is located in the city of Leipzig and it is a central institution of the Leipzig University, jointly hosted by the Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, the Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena and the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ). The scientific consortium is further enhanced by the expertise of other research institutions, including several Max Planck Society institutes and the Leibniz Association. More information about iDiv: www.idiv.de.

Specifically, we offer the following positions, which are detailed on www.idiv.de/about_idiv/career:

1. Project “Pathogen spillover among insect pollinator species: quantifying evolutionary processes to inform on viral adaptive potential”, Prof. Robert Paxton (affiliation: MLU Halle)
2. Project “Diversity and scenario modelling of molecular markers of plant pathogens in plant, litter and soil metagenomes”, Prof François Buscot (affiliation: UFZ Halle)
3. Project “Analysing plant invasions in their environmental context (iCon)”, Prof Ingolf Kühn (affiliation: UFZ Halle)
4. Project “Extracting spatiotemporal macroecological patterns using crowdsourced plant occurrence data”, Prof Miguel Mahecha (affiliation: Leipzig University)
5. Project “iKNOW-Leveraging Knowledge Graphs for iDiv and Biodiversity”, Prof Birgitta König-Ries (affiliation: FSU Jena)
6. Project “Darwin’s Naturalization Conundrum revisited (DANCE) – Darwin meets omics”, Dr Sylvia Haider (affiliation: MLU Halle)

We offer:
✓ Work in a dynamic, international and interdisciplinary environment
✓ Opportunities to develop and advance scientific networks
✓ Cutting edge research in modern facilities
✓ Postdoctoral researchers at iDiv benefit from the iDiv postdoc career support programme (includes courses, coaching, mentoring and networking events)
✓ Attractive benefits, e.g. contributions to capital formation, job-ticket for public transport, company pension scheme (VBL)
✓ Family-friendly working environment with flexible working hours
✓ Salary in accordance with the German public service salary scale (up to TV-L E13, full-time position)

We seek:
Highly motivated scientists with a strong interest to participate in sharpening the iDiv research profile. German skills are not a prerequisite for all positions, but very good command of English is necessary. Applicants must hold a PhD degree or equivalent in a relevant field. The employment contract is planned for 2 years. However, the contract is initially limited until 30 September 2021. An extension to the entire 2 years is dependent upon the successful renewal of DFG funding for iDiv (evaluation in spring 2021).

Kindly send your application via our application portal under https://apply.idiv.de. We prefer applications via our application portal, hard copy applications can be sent to:
Please note that you can apply for multiple positions in this flexpool call.

**Applications should include:**
- Cover letter in English describing motivation for the project, research interests and relevant experience
- Complete curriculum vitae including names and contact details of at least two scientific references
- Digital copy of master and PhD certificate or equivalent

**Submission deadline is 10 September 2020.** Selected candidates will be invited to the online joint recruitment symposium on 28 September until 29 September 2020.

For queries on the application process, please contact Mrs. Christa Genz (christa.genz@idiv.de); for project-related questions, kindly contact the relevant Project leader.

Severely disabled persons are encouraged to apply and will be given preference in case of equal suitability. Applying via e-mail is questionable under data protection law. The sender assumes full responsibility.

iDiv is committed to establishing and maintaining a diverse and inclusive community that collectively supports and implements our mission to do great science. We will welcome, recruit, develop, and advance talented staff from diverse genders and backgrounds.