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German Centre for Integrative  
Biodiversity Research (iDiv)  
Halle-Jena-Leipzig

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### **Postdoctoral Researcher (m/f/d)**

Founded in 1409, Leipzig University is one of Germany's largest universities and a leader in research and medical training. With around 30,000 students and more than 5000 members of staff across 14 faculties, it is at the heart of the vibrant and outward-looking city of Leipzig. Leipzig University offers an innovative and international working environment as well as an exciting range of career opportunities in research, teaching, knowledge and technology transfer, infrastructure and administration.

**The German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig** is a National Research Centre funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). Its central mission is to promote theory-driven synthesis and data-driven theory in this emerging field. Located in the city of Leipzig, it is a Central Institution of Leipzig University and jointly hosted by the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, the Friedrich Schiller University Jena and the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ). More information about iDiv: [www.idiv.de](http://www.idiv.de).

The German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig seeks to fill the above position at the earliest opportunity.

#### **About the position**

- Fixed term of three years
- 100% of a full-time position
- Planned remuneration: salary group 13 TV-L.

#### **Duties**

- Syntheses and meta-analyses
- Participation in global soil biodiversity sampling campaigns
- Global soil biodiversity mapping
- Organisation of international workshops.

#### **Requirements**

- PhD in biology or bioinformatics
- Experience in assembling and handling large datasets and with spatial/macroecological analyses
- Experience in performing meta-analyses and syntheses
- Very good knowledge of statistical modelling in R
- Scientific background in ecology/soil ecology
- Expertise in writing and leading multi-authored papers
- Very good spoken and written English skills
- Enthusiasm in processing large datasets
- Team spirit.

#### **What we offer**

- A highly dynamic, collaborative and interdisciplinary working environment; note that postdoctoral salaries are generous relative to the cost of living in Leipzig, and benefits like health insurance, parental leave, and pension plans are standard
- Flexible working hours and work-life balance
- Voluntary participation in our iDiv postdoc career support programme (courses, coaching, networking etc.)
- The working language at iDiv is English
- iDiv is a highly international centre with employees from over 30 countries and various forms of support for employees from outside of Germany (Welcome Centre, German classes, etc.)
- Leipzig is an attractive city with rich culture and beautiful surroundings, and international visitors usually find it easy to settle in.

Please send your application, quoting **reference number 264/2021**, via our application portal under <https://apply.idiv.de> by **26 November 2021**. While we prefer applications via this portal, hard-copy applications may also be sent to: German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv), Professor Nico Eisenhauer, Puschstraße 4, 04103 Leipzig. We kindly request that you submit copies only, as we are unable to return application documents. Interview expenses will not be reimbursed.

**Applications should include:**

- Cover letter describing the applicant's motivation for the project, research interests and relevant experience
- Full list of publications and names and contact details of at least three scientific references
- Digital copy of master's and PhD certificate or equivalent.

For queries on the application process, please contact our HR Department (hr@idiv.de); for project-related questions, please contact Professor Nico Eisenhauer (nico.eisenhauer@idiv.de).

Leipzig University aims to increase the proportion of women in positions of responsibility and therefore expressly invites qualified women to apply. Severely disabled persons – or persons deemed legally equal to them under Book IX of the German Social Code – are encouraged to apply and will be given preference in the case of equal suitability.

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

**Privacy information**

*If you choose to apply and send us your documents, you do so voluntarily. Any personal data contained within your application documents, or obtained during an interview, will be processed by Leipzig University – as the advertiser of the position – exclusively for the purposes of the selection process for the position advertised. It will not be passed on to third parties without your consent in the individual case. The legal basis for such data processing is Sect. 11(1) of the Saxon Data Protection Implementation Act (SächsDSGD) in conjunction with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The controller for the application process within the meaning of the GDPR is the addressee of the application, specified in the advertisement. Your personal data will be stored for six months after the end of the recruitment process and then erased or destroyed in accordance with data protection regulations. You may refuse or withdraw your consent with effect for the future without giving reasons. In these cases, Leipzig University will not or no longer be able to process and consider your application. Under the GDPR, subject to the relevant statutory requirements you have the following rights vis-à-vis the addressee of the application with regard to your personal data: right of access (Art. 15 GDPR); right to rectification of inaccurate personal data (Art. 16 GDPR); right to erasure (Art. 17 GDPR); right to restriction of processing (Art. 18 GDPR); and right to object to processing (Art. 21 GDPR). If you have any questions, please contact the Data Protection Officer at Leipzig University (office: Augustusplatz 10, 04109 Leipzig). You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Saxon Commissioner for Data Protection.*