

# Job advertisement

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JENA



**iDiv**

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

Friedrich Schiller University is a traditional university with a strong research profile rooted in the heart of Germany. As a university covering all disciplines, it offers a wide range of subjects. Its research is focused on the areas Light—Life—Liberty. It is closely networked with non-research institutions, research companies and renowned cultural institutions. With around 18,000 students and more than 8,600 employees, the university plays a major role in shaping Jena's character as a cosmopolitan and future-oriented city.

The German Centre for integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig seeks to fill the position of a

## Scientific Employee in Data & Code Curation (f/m/d)

commencing on 1 January 2022 or the earliest possible starting date thereafter.

### Background

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. It is jointly hosted by the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU), the Friedrich Schiller University Jena (FSU), the University of Leipzig (UL), and the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ). For more information please visit: [www.idiv.de](http://www.idiv.de).

Within iDiv the **Biodiversity Data and Code Unit (iBID)** provides support on all matters related to data and code management. Our aim is to support FAIR data, a move towards Open Science, and the development of open source software. The Data & Code Curator will work closely with the other members of iBID and by contributing to a Helpdesk will be one of the faces of iBID to its users, both within iDiv and externally.

### Your responsibilities:

- Advise and support other scientists with different degrees of data literacy on data publication in scientific journals
- Day-to-day management of the iDiv Data Portal, and contribute to setting up other long-term data archives
- Advise and support on reproducible science principles (e.g. R code publication and workflows)
- Contribute to iDiv data policy implementation
- Contribute to the development of workshops and training about Open Science
- Support in preparing synthesis datasets within iDiv projects including sDiv working groups
- Participation in acquiring third party funding for research data management

### Your profile:

- Applicants should possess (or anticipate soon receiving) a PhD in (quantitative) ecology or a related discipline.
- Experience in research data management, and an interest in data governance, are an advantage. Equivalent data handling experience outside academia will also be considered
- Excellent English communication skills (spoken and written)



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- Good attention to detail
- Familiarity with scrutinizing and documenting source code (e.g. R or Python) is a strong plus
- Interest and ability in interdisciplinary collaboration with a diverse team of ecologists and computer scientists
- Team player with strong organizational skills and an interest in helping others

**We offer:**

- Work in a dynamic, international, and interdisciplinary environment in the beautiful city of Leipzig
- Opportunities to develop and advance scientific networks
- Excellent equipment and infrastructure
- 50% of a full-time position (possibility of up to 80% if applicant desires)
- Flexible working hours
- Remuneration based on the provisions of the Collective Agreement for the Public Sector of the Federal States (TV-L) up to salary scale 13—depending on the candidate's personal qualifications—, including a special annual payment in accordance with the collective agreement.

The position is initially limited until 30 September 2024.

This is a part-time position with 50 - 80% of the working hours of a full-time employee (20 - 32 hours per week). The work place will be at iDiv in Leipzig.

Candidates with severe disabilities will be given preference in the case of equal qualifications and suitability.

Are you eager to work with us? Then submit your detailed written application via our application portal at <https://apply.idiv.de>, stating the vacancy ID **374/2021** by **31 October 2021**. While we prefer applications via this portal, hard-copy applications may also be sent to:

**German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research – iDiv (Halle-Jena-Leipzig)**  
**Human Resources Department; Puschstraße 4, D-04103 Leipzig**

Queries concerning the application process should be directed to [hr@idiv.de](mailto:hr@idiv.de), for more information on this position please contact Prof. Birgitta König-Ries ([birgitta.koenig-ries@uni-jena.de](mailto:birgitta.koenig-ries@uni-jena.de)).

**All applications should include:**

- Cover letter (in English) describing motivation for the position and relevant experience
- complete curriculum vitae including names and contact details of at least two references
- digital copy of degree certificate(s)

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.

Since all application documents will be duly destroyed after the recruitment process, we ask you to submit only copies of your documents. For further information for applicants, please also refer to [www4.uni-jena.de/Job\\_portal\\_\(in\\_German\)](http://www4.uni-jena.de/Job_portal_(in_German)). Please also note the information on the collection of personal data at [https://www4.uni-jena.de/en/jobs\\_information\\_collecting\\_personal\\_data-path-18,27.html](https://www4.uni-jena.de/en/jobs_information_collecting_personal_data-path-18,27.html).