

Scientific Events 2026

Call for proposals

Aims and scope

Applicants are invited to submit proposals for integrative scientific events that support innovative research projects and align with the iDiv Science Strategy. The projects should be closely linked to the five integrative biodiversity research topics: Functions, Complexity, People and Biodiversity, Integrative Approaches, and Transdisciplinary Research.

The proposed scientific events should be of benefit to the iDiv community, in particular, by combining multiple research areas and/or working groups, and incorporating transdisciplinary elements.

Please note that this call only accepts proposals for scientific events that cannot receive funding from other sources.

Object of funding and eligibility

All iDiv members employed at a research institution in Central Germany are eligible to apply for funding for a scientific event. Any expenses that are related to the event – such as catering, travel, and accommodation costs – may be funded, provided they comply with current state budget regulations, the procurement principles of the respective host institution, and those of the iDiv e.V. Personnel costs and equipment are excluded from funding. Examples of eligible events include single- or multi-day workshops, symposia, and special visitor programmes.

Events may take place in Leipzig, Halle, or Jena between **1 October 2026 and 31 January 2027**.

For events hosted at the iDiv Core Centre in Leipzig, on-site support from iDiv's Public Relations unit is available only on working days between 2 November 2026 and 29 January 2027, excluding the following dates:

- 18, 23, 24, and 30 November 2026
- 1 and 18–31 December 2026
- 1–10 January 2027

Applicants are responsible for checking the availability of venues (except for the iDiv Core Centre) before submitting their application.

Selection criteria

1. Importance for iDiv research
2. Support of iDiv's strategic mission
3. Promotion of integration among iDiv researchers and members
4. Demonstrated absence of other funding sources
5. Feasibility of proposed budget and timeline

Submission process

Proposals must be submitted via the [iDiv application portal](#) by **24 July 2026** (11:59 p.m. CEST). Please upload a budget calculation using the provided Excel template.

The online proposal form requires the following information:

- Information and status of the main PI
- List of Co-PIs and collaborators
- Title of the proposed event and type of event
- Date and location of the proposed event
- A brief description of the proposed event, including its significance for iDiv research, how it aligns with the iDiv Scientific Strategy and contributes to iDiv's mission, and how it promotes collaboration and integration among iDiv members (maximum 1000 characters)
- List of potential participants
- Excel spreadsheet for budget calculation
- A brief justification explaining why no alternative funding sources are available

Evaluation process

Proposals will be evaluated by internal reviewers with the necessary expertise. Special attention will be given to minimise any potential conflicts of interest.

Final funding decisions will be made by iDiv's Extended Executive Board. All applicants will be informed of the outcome in writing by the end of August 2026.

Reporting

Successful applicants are obliged to report on the progress and outcomes of the project after the event.

The researchers and their PIs must use the iDiv affiliation and mention iDiv funding in any scientific papers and publications arising from their projects. Details can be found in the guidelines for using the iDiv affiliation (under revision, will be published soon).

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