

The German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research Halle-Jena-Leipzig – iDiv is a world-leading centre for biodiversity science and focuses on understanding biological diversity on our planet. Find more information on: www.idiv.de.

Call for applications

We offer the following position:

Student Assistant (HiWi) for web portal and data mobilisation (f/m/d)

What is it about?

- The “Lebendiger Atlas der Natur Deutschland” (LAND) is a web portal that provides access to GBIF-mediated open biodiversity data in Germany
- As part of the National Research Data Infrastructure for Biodiversity (NFDI4Biodiversity), we aim to make biodiversity data from a wide range of institutions (e.g. citizen science, conservation agencies, research institutions, natural history societies) more accessible

Tasks

- Assist the web editorial team of <https://land.gbif.de/> (research, write content, blog posts, keep the website up to date)
- Assist with data mobilisation from our stakeholder network
- Support the organisation of community workshops
- Assist with data curation

Requirements

- Fluency in German and English
- Basic familiarity with git, github, markdown, and ideally the static site generator Jekyll
- Background in biodiversity, biology, ecology, geography or similar
- Experience and interest in writing about and working with biodiversity data
- Excellent organisational skills

Details

- The place of work is in Leipzig at the Biodiversity and People research group, iDiv (Puschstrasse 4, Leipzig)
- The employment contract will be with the Friedrich Schiller University Jena
- Duration: 12 months, 10–20 hours per week (depending on availability and qualification)

Application

Contact Thore Engel or Marie Meemken using the following email: land@idiv.de.

Applications should include a short cover letter, a CV, and a creative writing sample (see below), merged into a single PDF. Please do not exceed 4 pages for the entire application.

For the creative writing sample, please include a link to a species search, data set or occurrence record in LAND that you find interesting (potentially even an observation that you yourself contributed through a citizen science app, e.g. observation.org or iNaturalist) and write a short engaging blog post about it (in German, max. half a page). For example, this is a link to all occurrence records of European mantis in Germany:

https://land.gbif.de/occurrence/search/?taxonKey=6258028&layout=map_taxa.rank-FAMILY.v-TABLE_gallery*year_datasetKey&view=dashboard.

Application deadline: 20 September 2026