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yDiv – Young Biodiversity Graduate School

yDiv is the graduate school of iDiv, the German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research. iDiv is a hub for international biodiversity science whose central mission is to promote theory-driven synthesis and data-driven theory.

The uniqueness of the yDiv training programme stems from the exchange between theoreticians and empirists. Our aim is to bridge different levels of biodiversity research, from theory to applied aspects of nature conservation. The set of approaches and methods is similarly diverse, varying from modelling to field experiments, and the objects of investigation vary from single organisms to manipulated communities and entire ecosystems. Each of our doctoral researchers benefits from a PhD Advisory Team („PAC“) consisting of supervisors from different disciplines, and representing both theoretical and empirical backgrounds. We offer a curriculum of scientific courses on cutting-edge biodiversity topics, several methodological courses, as well as a range of soft-skills topics. Our doctoral researchers take part in the annual iDiv conference and get together for an overnight retreat every year.

Scientific key words

Biodiversity; ecology; biodiversity conservation; synthesis; theory; ecosystem services; interaction ecology; ecological experiments; physiological diversity; molecular interaction ecology

Participating Universities

Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Leipzig University

Cooperation partners

Among others: Helmholtz Interdisciplinary Graduate School for Environmental Research (HIGRADE), Integrated Research Training Group AquaDiva

Preferred language

English

Current number of doctoral candidates

50

How can I become a doctoral candidate? What is the method of selection?

Open, funded positions are regularly advertised at the iDiv website (see below).

Are there fixed dates to apply?

Currently, there are no fixed application dates.

Are there possibilities to be funded in this programme?

When funded positions are offered, they are advertised via the iDiv „Positions“ page. Interested students can also look at the home pages of the research groups of iDiv for other potential opportunities (e.g. opportunities to apply for an external scholarship within a project).

Interesting for graduates of the following subjects:

Any biodiversity-related subject(s) across scales

Prospective degree

PhD

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