

iDiv (German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research Halle-Jena-Leipzig) is a world-leading institute for integrative biodiversity research. Its central mission is to promote theory-driven synthesis and data-driven theory in integrative biodiversity research. The concept of iDiv encompasses the detection of biodiversity, understanding its emergence, exploring its consequences for ecosystem functions and services, and developing strategies to safeguard biodiversity under global change. iDiv is established as an institution in Leipzig and is run by Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU), Friedrich Schiller University Jena (FSU) and Leipzig University (UL) – in cooperation with the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ). The science consortium is enhanced by the expertise of many research institutes (Max Planck Society, Leibniz Association) and by specific member research groups.

Integrated in iDiv, the Leipzig University offers the following position as soon as possible

Junior Research Group Leader “Evolution & Adaptation”

(initially limited until September 30, 2020)

Salary: up to Entgeltgruppe 15 TV-L, subject to personal qualifications

We are searching for a research scientist with excellent qualifications in evolutionary biological research. Principally, we are looking for an enthusiastic junior researcher using empirical approaches, such as field observations or manipulations, mesocosm/lab experiments coupled with genomic analyses, to address evolutionary questions in a clear biodiversity context. Successful candidates are expected to develop an independent research program and have the explicit ambition to pursue a career in science. The candidate should have a strong intention to collaborate with biodiversity researchers from a wide variety of research fields within and beyond iDiv.

Tasks: The applicant will conduct independent, interdisciplinary research in a biodiversity related evolutionary research topic. The function includes coordination of the junior group’s research efforts, supervision of PhD students and technicians, obtaining additional independent research funding (e.g. DFG, European Union), publications of research in international, high-ranking scientific journals, communication with collaboration partners within and outside iDiv, and the successful alignment of the group’s research activities with iDiv’s mission. Moreover, the junior group leader is expected to contribute actively to teaching activities in yDiv, iDiv’s young biodiversity scientists’ graduate school.

Requirements: Suitable applicants must hold a doctoral degree (Ph.D. or equivalent) in natural sciences or a closely related field, and circa 2-5 years of independent postdoctoral research experience. They should demonstrate an excellent scientific track record, evidenced by several publications in international peer-reviewed journals, and successful acquisition of independent funding. Experience with student supervision and administrative or organizational activities are highly preferred.

Funding will be provided for the position of the group leader, 1 PhD student and a technician, running costs and a start-up package. The new junior research group will be – together with the already existing iDiv core groups – housed in a state-of-the-art building on the “Alte Messe” area in Leipzig. The appointment of the candidate and the group members will be via the University of Leipzig.

The position is initially limited until September 30, 2020 with prolongation dependent upon successful renewal of DFG funding for iDiv as a research centre and positive evaluation of the junior group.

Applications with reference file number 177/2017 are accepted via our application portal under apply.idiv.de. Applications should contain a CV - including information on acquired funding - a publication list indicating how publications relate to the candidate’s research program, a research statement - including a short statement on how candidate’s proposed research program matches with current iDiv research - of maximum 2 A4 sides, and the names and full addresses of two references. We prefer applications via our application portal, hard copy applications can be sent to German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research – iDiv; Dr. Rebecca Thier-Lange; Deutscher Platz 5e; 04103 Leipzig.

The deadline for application submission is 24 August 2017. For queries on the application process, please contact Dr. Rebecca Thier-Lange (Rebecca.thier-lange@idiv.de) or Dr. Joanna Hanzel (Joanna.hanzel@idiv.de).

Applying via email is questionable under data protection law. The sender assumes full responsibility.

Severely disabled persons are encouraged to apply and will be given preference in the case of equal suitability.



TENURE-TRACK PROFESSOR IN GLOBAL CHANGE ECOLOGY

Harvard University
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology

Position Description: The Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology seeks to appoint a tenure-track professor in Global Change Ecology, with an emphasis on terrestrial ecosystems at physiological, population, community, or ecosystem levels from ecological or evolutionary ecology perspectives. We are especially interested in individuals who conduct rigorous observational and/or experimental work in the field and/or lab that advances our understanding of how climate change, land transformation, and species interactions, introductions or extinctions are affecting terrestrial ecosystems at local, regional and global scales. In addition, we would be interested in individuals who are advancing our understanding of how to conserve biodiversity in natural and human-dominated landscapes, the role of biodiversity in the maintenance of ecosystem services, and the dynamics of coupled human-natural systems. Successful candidates will be expected to develop an innovative research program and contribute to teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, particularly in the areas of ecology, conservation biology or global climate change. Applications from, or information about, female and minority candidates are especially encouraged. The department has strong linkages to a number of allied departments and institutions, including the Dept. of Earth and Planetary Science, Harvard Forest, Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University Herbaria, Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology, and Harvard Center for the Environment. The appointment is expected to begin on July 1, 2018.

Basic Qualifications: Doctorate in Ecology or related discipline required by the time the appointment begins.

Additional Qualifications: Demonstrated strong commitment to teaching is desired.

Special Instructions: Please submit the following materials through the ARLeS portal (<http://academicpositions.harvard.edu/postings/7705>). Candidates are encouraged to apply by **October, 1, 2017**; applications will be reviewed until the position is filled.

1. Cover letter
2. *Curriculum Vitae*
3. Teaching statement (describing teaching approach and philosophy)
4. Research statement
5. Names and contact information of 3-5 referees, who will be asked by a system-generated email to upload a letter of recommendation once the candidate’s application has been submitted. Three letters of recommendation are required, and the application is considered complete only when at least three letters have been received.
6. Publications or copies of creative works, if applicable.

Contact Information: Prof. Paul Moorcroft, Search Committee, Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Contact Email: Paul Moorcroft c/o Damari Rosado (damari_rosado@harvard.edu)

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