



Reference number 161/2021

### **Postdoctoral Researcher: Environmental and Resource Economist (m/f/d)**

Founded in 1409, Leipzig University is one of Germany's largest universities and a leader in research and medical training. With around 30,000 students and more than 5000 members of staff across 14 faculties, it is at the heart of the vibrant and outward-looking city of Leipzig. Leipzig University offers an innovative and international working environment as well as an exciting range of career opportunities in research, teaching, knowledge and technology transfer, infrastructure and administration.

The **German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig** and the **Faculty of Economics and Management Science of Leipzig University** seek to fill the above position from 1 October 2021 or at the earliest opportunity.

#### **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. Located in the city of Leipzig, it is a central institution of Leipzig University and jointly hosted by the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, the Friedrich Schiller University Jena and the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ). More Information about iDiv: [www.idiv.de](http://www.idiv.de).

Leipzig is a vibrant hotspot for creativity in eastern Germany, known for its world-class research in atmospheric sciences, biodiversity research, economics, and remote sensing. **Leipzig University** aims to tap into the full potential of interdisciplinary research to understand how economic dynamics interact with climate and biodiversity. The advertised position is part of the endeavour.

#### **About the position**

- Fixed term of 3 years (possible extension by another 2 years), based on the German Act on Fixed-Term Employment Contracts in Academia (WissZeitVG)
- 50 % of a full-time position and additional further 50 % of a full-time position until 30 September 2024, subject to final approval of iDiv funding
- Planned remuneration: salary group E13 TV-L

#### **Duties**

- Independent research as part of an interdisciplinary team in support of the development of the Breathing Nature programme, an interdisciplinary initiative on interactions between climate, biodiversity, and society
- Ambitious research leading regularly to peer-reviewed publications
- Flexible contribution to interdisciplinary research on interactions between economy – climate – biodiversity, including e.g. statistical analysis of economic, climate, and biodiversity data (e.g. from satellite remote sensing) for research in economy – climate – biodiversity interactions
- Development and analysis of quantitative models in the context of climate and biodiversity economics
- Research-oriented teaching in the field of “Breathing Nature” at the Faculty of Economics and Management Science of Leipzig University.

#### **Requirements**

- PhD in economics, econometrics or related topic
- Experience in environmental and resource economics, econometrics
- Ability to work in local to international collaborative projects
- Capable of interdisciplinary collaboration (specifically remote sensing, climate science and/or biodiversity research)
- Very good command of data analysis and statistical software
- Excellent English language skills (spoken and written)
- Proactive/independent, results-oriented with attention to detail, and with excellent team skills.

#### **What we offer**

- A highly dynamic, collaborative and interdisciplinary working environment

- Goal-oriented staff development throughout your working life, with opportunities for continuing professional development
- Voluntary participation in our iDiv postdoc career support programme (workshops, coaching, mentoring, postdoc networking events)
- Flexible working hours, mobile working and work-life balance
- Pension plan and discounted local public transport ticket (MDV-Job-Ticket)
- iDiv is a highly international centre with employees from over 30 countries and various forms of support for employees from outside of Germany (Welcome Centre, German classes, etc.).

Please send your application, quoting **reference number 161/2021**, via our application portal under <https://apply.idiv.de> by 18 August 2021. While we prefer applications via this portal, hard-copy applications may also be sent to: German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv), Professor Martin Quaas, Puschstraße 4, 04103 Leipzig. We kindly request that you submit copies only, as we are unable to return application documents. Interview expenses will not be reimbursed.

Leipzig University aims to increase the proportion of women in positions of responsibility and therefore expressly invites qualified women to apply. Severely disabled persons – or persons deemed legally equal to them under Book IX of the German Social Code – are encouraged to apply and will be given preference in the case of equal suitability.

#### **Applications should include:**

- Cover letter (in English or German) describing the applicant's motivation for the project, research interests and relevant experience
- Names and contact details of at least two scientific referees
- Digital copy of PhD and master's certificate
- PDF of up to three publications.

For queries on the application process, please contact the iDiv HR Department ([hr@idiv.de](mailto:hr@idiv.de)); for project-related questions, kindly contact Professor Martin Quaas ([martin.quaas@idiv.de](mailto:martin.quaas@idiv.de)).

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.

#### **Privacy information**

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