

SYNTHESYS is back - funding available for short research visits

New Call Deadline: 12th April, 2019 (17:00 UK time).

The SYNTHESYS management team is pleased to announce the start of the new SYNTHESYS+ project under the current European Commission's Horizon 2020-funded Integrating Activities funding scheme.

SYNTHESYS Access funding is available to provide scientists (users) to undertake short visits to utilise the infrastructure (comprising the collections, staff expertise and analytical facilities) at one of the 21 partner institutions (see full list below) for the purposes of their research. There will be an annual call for applications for the next four years.

Access Call 1 will officially open for applications on 1st February 2019. **The Call 1 deadline will be 17:00 (UK time) Friday 12th April, 2019** and awarded visits must take place within 12 months of results being announced.

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Taxonomic Access Facilities (TAFs)

The 21 partner institutions are organised into 13 national TAFs. TAF users will be hosted by a TAF staff member (host).

The 13 TAFs represent an unparalleled resource for taxonomic research offering:

- collections amounting to over 490 million natural history specimens
- internationally renowned taxonomic and systematic skill base
- Facilities including: molecular and imaging & chemical analysis
- **New** – FI-TAF (Finnish Museum of Natural History, Helsinki) and IL-TAF (National Natural History Collections, Hebrew University of Jerusalem) are now offering Access, as well as additions to DE-TAF (Zoological Research Museum Alexander Koenig, Bonn) and BE-TAF (Botanic Garden Meise)

Proposals for funding are welcomed from high-calibre scientists in any technical discipline seeking access for short-term research visits (average duration 15 days). SYNTHESYS is able to meet the users' costs for:

- Research costs (bench fees and laboratory consumables)
- International travel & local accommodation while based at the TAF
- A per diem contribution towards living costs

See www.synthesys.info for more information or contact synthesys@nhm.ac.uk

SYNTHESYS+ TAFs:

- AT-TAF Naturhistorisches Museum, Vienna
- BE-TAF Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Brussels
Royal Museum of Central Africa, Tervuren
Meise Botanic Garden **** NEW ****
- CZ-TAF Národní Muzeum, Prague
- DE-TAF Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin
Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum, Berlin
Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung, Frankfurt, Dresden, Görlitz,
Müncheberg, Tübingen and Wilhelmshaven;
Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde Stuttgart
Zoologisches Forschungsmuseum Alexander Koenig, Bonn **** NEW ****
- DK-TAF The Natural History Museum of Denmark, Copenhagen
- ES-TAF Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales &
Real Jardín Botánico Naturales (CSIC), Madrid
- FI-TAF Finnish Museum of Natural History, Helsinki **** NEW ****
- FR-TAF Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris
- GB-TAF Natural History Museum, London
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh
- HU-TAF Hungarian Natural History Museum, Budapest
- IL-TAF National Natural History Collections of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem **** NEW ****
- NL-TAF Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden ***Collections closures throughout Call 1 due to major infrastructure refurbishment – NL-TAF will re-open in Call 2 (early 2020)**
- SE-TAF Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm

Eligibility:

SYNTHESYS+ TAFs are offering access to selected 'user-groups': teams of one or more researchers (users) led by a 'user group leader'.

The user group leader and the majority of the users must work in a country other than the country(ies) where the TAF is located.

Only user groups that are allowed to disseminate the results they have generated during their visit are eligible to apply, unless the users are working for SMEs.

Access for user groups with a majority of users not working in an EU or associated country is limited to 20% of the total access days provided under the grant.