



## **SYNTHESYS+ Transnational Access – Call 3 opening 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Funding available to undertake short research visits at 21 partner institutions**

### **Call 3 Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 (17:00 UK time)**

The SYNTHESYS+ Management Team is pleased to announce the third tranche of Transnational Access visits, funded via the SYNTHESYS+ project under the current European Commission's Horizon 2020-funded Integrating Activities programme. SYNTHESYS Access funding provides researchers with funding support to undertake short visits to utilise the infrastructure (comprising the collections, staff expertise and analytical facilities) at one or more of the 21 partner institutions (see full list below) for the purposes of their research. Since 2004, the SYNTHESYS programme has supported over 52,000 days of research activity across 4,000 separate projects, generating over 5,000 publications including books, monographs, peer-reviewed papers and theses.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we appreciate that both international travel and institutional access are restricted therefore if your application is successful the proposed visit dates may be delayed. As well as successful Call 3 visits, we hope that delayed Call 1 and 2 visits will take place later this year and successful applicants who have not yet had their visit should please check the News page for updates: <https://www.synthesys.info/news-events.html>. We plan to use a new online portal for applications this year: the European Loans and Visits System (ELViS), currently being developed through SYNTHESYS+ Joint Research Activities. Whilst we do not anticipate any problems, this will be the first time ELViS has been used for a Transnational Access call so we advise you apply in good time before the deadline.

**[MORE CALL 3 INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND HERE](#)**

### **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, imaging and chemical analysis

Proposals for funding are welcomed from high-calibre researchers in any technical discipline seeking access for short-term research visits (average duration 15 days). SYNTHESYS is able to meet 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](http://www.synthesys.info) for more information or contact [synthesys@nhm.ac.uk](mailto:synthesys@nhm.ac.uk)

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## 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
- 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
- DK-TAF The Natural History Museum of Denmark, Copenhagen
- ES-TAF Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales &  
Real Jardín Botánico Naturales (CSIC), Madrid
- FI-TAF LUOMUS Finnish Museum of Natural History, Helsinki
- 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
- NL-TAF Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden
- 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.

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