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**The Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Science, Department of Socioeconomics, Chair for Circular Economy and System Innovation invites applications for a**

## **RESEARCH ASSOCIATE**

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The position in accordance with Section 28 subsection 1 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG) commences on 1 April 2020.

This is a fixed term contract in accordance with Section 2 of the academic fixed-term labor contract act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG). The initial fixed term is three years. The position calls for 100% of standard work hours per week.\*

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Research associates will be expected primarily to teach and conduct research. The research associate will also have the opportunity to pursue further academic qualifications, in particular a doctoral dissertation. At least one-third of set working hours will be made available for the research associate's own academic work.

### **SPECIFIC DUTIES:**

The main responsibility is to conduct research on the intersection of circular economy business models, and financial institutions and financial infrastructure. Circular economy requires a new way of doing business, where resource efficiency and productivity are the basis for capturing and delivering value. This requires changing how resources flow through the economy: instead of a linear 'take-make-use-waste' cradle-to-grave flow, circular systems retain resources in the economy for longer through reuse, remake, recycling, cascading, etc. However, how resources flow through the economy is strongly influenced by financial institutions and financial infrastructure. For this reason, this interdisciplinary research will look into how financial institutions and financial infrastructure can be reimaged to accelerate the uptake of circular economy practices, whilst safe-guarding the creation of public goods and public value by businesses. In addition, teaching in related areas will be part of the research associate's responsibility (4 hours per semester).

\* Full-time positions currently comprise 39 hours per week.

## REQUIREMENTS:

A university degree in a relevant field. Preferably, the degree is in the field of business administration, management, economics or other related fields. Candidates should have a strong research interest, educational background and research experience in one or multiple of the following sub-fields: circular economy, industrial ecology, finance, business, economics, and/or organization science. Knowledge of economic pluralism and sustainability are considered a plus.

The position requires excellent English skills, both oral and in writing. The candidate should be a self-starter, and a conscientious worker, as well as have the capacity to communicate complex ideas clearly. Prior publication experience is also highly valued, but no prerequisite for an application.

The University aims to increase the number of women in research and teaching and explicitly encourages qualified women to apply. Equally qualified female applicants will receive preference in accordance with the Hamburg act on gender equality (Hamburgisches Gleichstellungsgesetz, HmbGleiG).

Qualified disabled candidates or applicants with equivalent status receive preference in the application process.

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Applications should include a cover letter, a tabular curriculum vitae, and copies of degree certificate(s). Please send applications by 10. January 2020 to: [rita.streitt@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:rita.streitt@uni-hamburg.de).

Please do not submit original documents as we are **not** able to return them. Any documents sub-mitted will be destroyed after the application process has concluded.