



Subject to the availability of funding from the external funding source, HafenCity University Hamburg is seeking to fill the following position in the Department of SKU: Urban Planning, Cultural Digitization, Metropolitan Studies, and Urban Design, planning on 01.09.2026

Research Associate (m/f/d) in the project “Bottom-up NEB”

Pay group 13 TV-L

to support the research with 75% of the regular weekly working hours. The position is limited until 30.06.2029.

About us

The HafenCity University Hamburg, University of Architecture and Metropolitan Development (HCU) is a university that focuses on the built environment. The HCU unites all aspects of building and design, engineering, and natural sciences as well as geoscientific and social sciences under one roof.

Bottom-Up NEBourhoods demonstrates how community-led social entrepreneurship can be the main driver for creating sustainable, inclusive and beautiful neighbourhoods in line with the New European Bauhaus (NEB). The project will implement four demonstration pilots in diverse European urban contexts including a case in Ancona Italy, focusing on regeneration of cultural heritage in cooperation with local actors. Key results of the project include NEB Co-creation Toolkit, generating new scientific evidence of barriers and drivers for bottom-up initiatives and implementation of pilot projects.

The project is funded by the Horizon Europe.
The position is assigned to the professorship of Prof. Dr. Jakub Galuszka.

Here you can find more information about [HCU](#) and the [Arbeitgeberin Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg](#).

Your tasks

- assistance with project coordination
- coordination of the project and collaboration with local partners
- communication and management of events related to the project
- assistance with capacity building related to the project
- development, presentation, and publication of interim research findings and capacity-building materials

Your profile

mandatory requirements

- an academic university degree (master's degree or comparable) in architecture, urban design or a comparable field of study

additional requirements

- expertise in co-productive approaches, participation, and bottom-up entrepreneurship.
- knowledge of the processes involved in architectural competitions
- experience in developing capacity-building materials
- practical expertise in urban design/architecture, including key architectural software (CAD, Adobe Creative Suite, etc.).
- fluency in spoken and written English
- Italian and/or German knowledge is an advantage.

Benefits

- workplace at an attractive location in HafenCity
- varied work in a university environment in cooperation with international scientific partners
- a family-friendly university that supports its employees in balancing work and family life
- support for professional and personal development through a wide range of training and continuing education opportunities
- other benefits such as discounts in the student union canteens

Contact

For questions and further information, do not hesitate to contact Prof. Dr. Jakub Galuszka, at +49 (0) 40 300 880-4127

The applicant's classification regarding the level of experience within the advertised TV-L pay group is based on the candidate's individual work experience and is reviewed by the HR department. Legally binding statements can only be made by the HR department of the HCU.

Please send your application (including CV, cover letter, and copies of relevant certificates), no later than **02.07.2026** (preferably by email as one PDF file) to:

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Please include the reference number „**2026-53**“ in your application.

Please be aware that in case of an invitation to an interview, HCU will not be able to cover any expenses for travel and lodging.

Due to the high number of applicants, the HCU will not be able to return application documents. Therefore, please do not submit originals of certificates. If you add a post-paid envelope, the HCU will return your application documents.