HafenCity University Hamburg (HCU) is a university focused on the built environment. HCU was founded by the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg in 2006 and combines all aspects of design and form, engineering and natural sciences as well as social science and humanities.

The Institute of Urban Planning and Regional Development of the HCU in the framework of the “Exzellenzstrategie des Bundes und der Länder” is looking for a candidate to fill the following position starting from 01.10.2021:

**Research Fellow (PhD Candidate) (m/f/d)**

The position is embedded in the research project “Sustainable Adaptation Scenarios for Coastal Systems”, of the excellence cluster CliCCS „Climate, Climate Change and Society” with 65% of the regular working hours. The doctorate is supervised jointly with the University of Hamburg (Prof. Dr. Ratter). The vacancy is limited to three years.

The excellence cluster CliCCS is an ambitious climate research program of the University of Hamburg and partnering research institutions in the Hamburg metropolitan area. HCU is a partner in CliCCS. CliCCS is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) as part of the „Exzellenzstrategie des Bundess und der Länder”.

With a wide spectrum of disciplines involved and a total duration of seven years, CliCCS aims for a better understanding of climate change, taking into account various variables, extreme events and unexpected side effects. The focus is on natural and social systems as well as their interactions. The overarching research question of CliCCS is: Which climate futures are possible and which are plausible? In particular, CliCCS will examine how climate change and social change interact.

The research project "Sustainable Adaptation Scenarios for Coastal Systems" develops scenarios for adaptation to climate change, which are intended to help reduce the consequences of climate change, including extreme events. The focus is on the North Sea coast, which stretches also along the Elbe via Hamburg to Geesthacht. “Sustainable Adaptation Scenarios for Coastal Systems” works in an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary way in a team of natural, engineering and social sciences as well as with practical partners from the application area of the Hamburg Metropolitan Region and international reference areas.

**What are your tasks?**

In the ambitious research environment of “Sustainable Adaptation Scenarios for Coastal Systems”, the position deals with climate adaptation governance, i.e. actors and processes of municipal and regional cooperation, formal and informal instruments as well as institutional organizational structures of adaptation to climate change. Based on an empirical analysis, the climate adaptation governance is modeled and integrated into overarching system development. The results will be published and presented in (English-language) journals. In addition, the transdisciplinary approach to the project requires the production of products that are accessible to regional practice partners.

**What do we expect?**

Required competencies include:

- An above-average degree in urban, regional, spatial planning or political and social science programs related to governance;
- Overview of the scientific discussions around climate adaptation governance;
- Overview of planning theoretical discussions on instruments of spatial planning and spatial governance at the municipal and city-regional level;
- Experience with the implementation and evaluation of guideline-based interviews, participatory observation and document analysis or other methods of qualitative and quantitative social research;
Desirable competencies include:
- Experience with independent scientific work;
- Creativity and mental flexibility in developing new solutions;
- Ability to work in a team and to work independently analytically;
- Enjoyment of writing scientific texts and contributing to scientific discussions;
- Very good written and spoken German and / or English;
- IT skills in common Office programs, reference management and MaxQDA.

HafenCity University Hamburg is a family-friendly university and supports its employees in reconciling work and family life.

We expressly welcome the applications of people with an international or migrant background.

The application of suitable severely handicapped and equals within the meaning of the Social Code Ninth Book (SGB IX) is also desirable. It is requested that appropriate proof of disability/equality be attached to the application documents.

As part of this activity, there is a duty of presence in Hamburg.

**Have we attracted your interest? Then we look forward to receiving your application!**

In addition to a detailed **cover letter** in which you explain the extent to which you meet the profile requirements, we request the following documents:
- Curriculum vitae (CV);
- Proof of academic or professional qualification;
- Current assessment or current certificate (see also information on the application and selection process);
- Relevant evidence of additional advanced training;
- Proof of severe disability or certification of other equal opportunity considerations (if applicable);
- Declaration of consent to inspect your personnel file, stating the person responsible for the personnel file (only for applicants from the public service).

In case of further questions please contact Prof. Jörg Knieling: +49 175 89 62 452.

Please send your complete application (including CV, cover letter, copies of relevant certificates) by 22.08.2021 to:

**HafenCity Universität**  
**Personalverwaltung**  
Stellen-Nr.: „2021-88 WiMi CLICCS C3“  
Vorgangs-Nr.: 88143  
Henning-Voscherau-Platz 1  
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Please use the position number “2021-88 WiMi CLICCS C3” in the subject line.

Please note that in the event of a job interview, travel and accommodation costs will not be covered.

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