The HafenCity Universität Hamburg - Universität für Baukunst und Metropolenentwicklung (HCU) is the University of the Built Environment and Metropolitan Development. The education and research at the HCU Hamburg are aimed at contemplating and concretising what the future of metropolitan areas could and should look like. Coping with this future implies a systematic interdisciplinary as well as a transdisciplinary approach. For this reason, the HCU follows an integrated approach that combines all study fields, as well as research and teaching.

In the Department of Metropolitan Culture at the HafenCity Universität Hamburg following position is open, starting as soon as possible

**Research Associate/Academic Assistant**

(Entgeltgruppe 13 TV-L)

(19.5 weekly working time, 50% E13, TV-L, for a period of three years)

The aim of the qualification is to complete a PhD. Please include a motivation letter and a project outline for the desired research (max. three pages total) in the application.

The research assistant's field of activity is located at the interface between the CityScienceLab's research focus and the BA study program Metropolitan Culture.

The overlap between urban research and digitization is reflected in projects and seminars of the study programme Metropolitan Culture from cultural and technical perspectives. In this vein, urban research is seen as highly transdisciplinary and is being implemented in a multi-modal manner. The aim is to critically reflect on the diversity of urban life forms and the influence of technologies on them.

The CityScienceLab is an academic unit with a research focus that is being developed in cooperation with the MIT Media Lab Cambridge / USA. It pursues an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary perspective by combining technical issues (e.g. digital city infrastructures, data mapping and modeling, urban sensor systems, urban twin technologies) with social and cultural developments (healthy city, refugee integration, sustainable mobility, civic science, etc.). The CityScienceLab consists of an intercultural team (the main working language is English) and it is set up in close cooperation with the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, which is why experience in dealing with different stakeholders (politics, science, business, civil society) is desirable.

**Tasks**

In addition to the teaching activities in the amount of 2 SWS in the study program Metropolitan Culture, your tasks will also include your own research activities. The aim of the research is your further scientific qualification (doctorate). This is to be supplemented by lecturing and the acquisition of third-party funded projects (DFG, EU, foundations, etc.). An independent and competent scientific writing practice is necessary. The study program is under revision, which is why conceptual thinking for curriculum development at the interface of cultural and technical science is central. The jobholder should independently develop research projects in connection with cultural theory and the area of the digital city, with which the research profile of the CityScienceLab will be expanded in cooperation with the professorship of cultural theory and an interdisciplinary team.

**Requirements**

An excellent academic university degree (master) at the interface of technology and society as well as theory and practice, e.g. sociology of technology or philosophy, science and technology studies, urban informatics, cultural or social sciences, urban design or a similar subject.
Application

- Experience in working in interdisciplinary, international teams and with non-university partners
- Proven teaching experience in the areas mentioned (seminars, projects, etc.)
- Recent scientific publications
- Experience in cooperation with computer scientists, possibly programming knowledge
- Experience in the fields of science and project management
- Very good English language skills (especially in writing, also native speakers like) and competence in the use of common computer programs

The HafenCity Universität Hamburg provides a family friendly environment and supports the compatibility of family and career.

To ensure equal opportunities, applications by gender minorities and persons with immigrant background are explicitly desired.

Qualified individuals with disabilities will be favored.

Presence in Hamburg is required for this position.

We would point out that the applicant's classification in the level of experience within the advertised TV-L pay group within the recruitment procedure is based on the individually available professional experience of the candidate by the HR department of the HCU. Legally binding statements can only be made by the HR department of HCU.

For further information regarding this position, please contact Ms. Katrin Hovy, on +49 40 428 27 5394.

To apply, please send digitally as one PDF-file (max.10 MB) a detailed CV and a portfolio along with a letter of application by June 11, 2020 to:

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Please include the number “2020-39b WiMi Metropolitan Culture” to your application.

Travel and accommodation costs for job interviews cannot be reimbursed by the HafenCity Universität Hamburg.