



At HafenCity University Hamburg is seeking to fill the following position in the field of urban planning as of 01.05.2025

Research Associate (m/f/d) – in the project: „Passiv solutions in self-build and incremental housing (PSSI)“

Pay group 13 TV-L

to support research with 75% of the regular weekly working time. The position is a fixed-term appointment until October. 31, 2029. The specific period of employment may still be adjusted.

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.

This project focuses on integrating passive housing measures into self-build and incremental construction in an affordable way, taking into account the local socio-cultural context and material conditions. Working with local partners in Peru and Indonesia, the project will diagnose the status quo, work with local communities to develop housing solutions and practices, and test these through small-scale interventions in the target countries. On this basis, an open access design manual and capacity building activities will be carried out and disseminated through a network of practice partners and development organisations. The project is funded by the Volkswagen Foundation as part of the Change! fellowship programme. The position is assigned to the professorship of Prof. Dr. Jakob Galuszka.

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

Your tasks

- Research in the field of housing and resilience with spatial, participatory and qualitative methods
- Coordination of the project with local partners and field research in Peru
- Communication and management of events related to the project
- Support for capacity building in connection with the project
- Development, presentation and publication of research findings and capacity building materials

Your profile

mandatory requirements

- university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in the field of architecture or a comparable field of study
- very good command of written and spoken English and Spanish

additional requirements

- Experience in conducting spatial, participatory and social research
- Experience with work/research fieldwork in informal settlements in Latin America
- Familiarity with passive housing solutions, rainwater harvesting, energy generation and the like, in the context of informal housing.
- Interest in academic research and development related to the project
- Confident handling of common MS Office programmes (Word, Excel, Power Point), GIS and design software such as Adobe Creative Cloud, Revit/AutoCAD/Sketch-Up

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
- discounts in the canteen of the student union, etc.

How to apply

In addition to an informative cover letter in which you explain to what extent you meet the requirements profile, we need the following documents from you:

- curriculum vitae in tabular form,

- proof of vocational training,
- current appraisal or current certificate (see also notes on the application and selection process),
- relevant proof of further training,
- proof of a severe disability or equal status in the selection process,
- declaration of consent to inspect your personnel file, stating the office responsible for your personnel file (only for applicants from the public sector).

For questions and further information, do not hesitate to contact Prof. Dr. Jakub Galuszka, +49 152 10 23 53 12 or mail to Jakub.Galuszka@hcu-hamburg.de

The applicant's classification in regard to the level of experience within the advertised TV-L pay group is based on the candidate's individual work experience and 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 12.02.2025 (preferably by email as one PDF file) to:

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Personalverwaltung
Stellen-Nr.: 2024-143
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20457 Hamburg
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Please include the reference number „**2024-143**“ 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.