

With more than 6,200 employees in research, teaching and administration and its unique profile, TU Dortmund University shapes prospects for the future: The cooperation between engineering and natural sciences as well as social and cultural studies promotes both technological innovations and progress in knowledge and methodology. And it is not only the more than 34,600 students who benefit from that.

The Institute of English and American Studies, part of the **Faculty of Culture Studies** at TU Dortmund University invites applications for a position as

Research Assistant (Doctoral Candidate in American Studies)

limited until 31.08.2022. The salary follows the state of North Rhine Westphalia salary class E 13 TV-L or, if applicable, transitional law (TVÜ-L). This is a 65 % position.

The University Alliance Ruhr (UA Ruhr) joins together the competences and resources of the Ruhr-University Bochum, TU Dortmund University, and the University of Duisburg-Essen with the aim of further developing their performance and competitive position. Within the framework of the Volkswagen Foundation's sponsorship, the UA Ruhr graduate research group **Scripts for Postindustrial Urban Futures: American Models, Transatlantic Interventions** will carry out research on societally influential scripts that seek to design a sustainable and inclusive future for postindustrial urban communities in the USA and Germany. These transatlantic scripts are communicated narratively, medially, and figuratively. They refer back to pioneering US-American interpretive patterns since the late 20th century. Working with a solid foundation in American Studies, each member of the graduate research group will research one project on developments in selected cities.

Your Profile:

- You will have completed your Master's degree (or equivalent degree) with a prerequisite focus in American Studies or in other related fields.
- You are willing and able to cooperate with our practical partners and with other members of the graduate research group.
- You will have near-native command of English and German.

We seek applications for one of the seven doctoral projects, tentatively titled "Conserving Whose World? Sustainability Standards in the United States and Europe." Based on an internship in both the German Öko-Zentrum NRW and a cooperative US-American office, the project mainly examines German and US scripts for sustainable building. These scripts connect 'green' building to contradictory notions of the world as a 'green' place. The project addresses questions such as: What are the cultural scripts of 'green' standards? Texts that can be analyzed range from the advertising for green cities across webpages of consulting firms to teaching aids for sustainability to name only a few.

Organizational Structure:

- Employment at TU Dortmund University includes field work and work for professional partners in Germany and the US for a total of up to one year. In-depth cooperation with private companies involved in sustainability consulting and -planning is an essential component of the research position. Our professional partners for this doctoral project are Öko-Zentrum NRW (Hamm near Dortmund, www.oekozentrum-nrw.de) and Epsten Group (Atlanta, GA, www.epstengroup.com).
- The graduate research group is located in the Department of Anglophone Studies at the University of Duisburg-Essen. The primary workplace during academic training will be in Essen; further locations will be necessitated by the PhD project.

Disabled candidates with equal qualifications will be given preference. Any handicap will have to be documented.

Your application material, including a curriculum vitae, a list of publications, and a statement of research interests, should be sent – under reference No. **w57-18** - to the following address by **21.11.2018** at the latest:

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