With more than 6,200 employees in research, teaching and administration and a unique profile, TU Dortmund University creates future perspectives: The interplay of Engineering and Sciences, Arts and Humanities advances technological and social innovations as well as scientific knowledge and methodology, from which not only the 32,800 students benefit.

The Social Research Centre (Sozialforschungsstelle) at TU Dortmund University invites applications for a full-time (100%) position as

Research Assistant

limited initially from 1st of January 2016 until 31st of December 2017 with option of contract extension.

The salary follows the regulations of the collective bargaining law in salary class 13 TV-L or, if applicable, by transitional law (TVU-L). The position is also available on a part-time basis.

The possibility to pursue further scientific qualifications is offered.

Profile:
We are seeking candidates with a MSc., diploma or PhD degree in social sciences who show good knowledge of and experiences in sustainability and innovation studies and societal transformation processes.

Candidates should be familiar with the international debate on social innovation and societal transformation. They should also be familiar with sustainability discourses, e.g. on societal adaptation to climate change, energy transition or employability. We expect candidates to be well-versed in methods of empirical social research, and at best personally experienced in empirical research projects and in acquiring third-party funds.

We expect the candidate to work in an engaged and self-responsible way and to be good at writing texts with high informative value.

The candidate is in good written and verbal command of the English language. Experiences with international research projects can support the application.

We expect the candidate to collaborate constructively in a team and with external partners.

Responsibilities:
You will contribute to the work of the sfs research team by developing research questions, concepts and projects in the field of "social innovation and sustainability", with a focus on the adaptation to climate change, energy transition and the diffusion of innovative sustainability concepts (50% of your working time). You will publish on these topics in relevant scientific journals and be active in raising research funds.

Additionally, you will work on the international research project "SI-DRIVE" (50% of your working time) and contribute to the development of a theoretically sound concept of social innovation.

The focus will be on the theoretical foundations of social innovation and their relation to social change. You will contribute to an empirically grounded typology of social innovations as well as on the implementation and analysis of case studies.

As part of the sfs team, you will be involved in our corresponding international networks. You will be teaching at TU Dortmund to the extent of 2 semester hours per week.

TU Dortmund University strives to increase the number of women in academic research and therefore encourages women to apply. Disabled candidates with equal qualifications will be given preference."

Applications enclosing the usual material may be sent until 30.10.2015 under reference number w58-15 to:

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