

Cluster of Excellence *Matters of Activity. Image Space Material*
12 positions for research assistants (m/f/d) – full time-position
- E 13 TV-L HU (Third party funding, fixed-term contract until 30.06.2021)

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As part of the Cluster of Excellence *Matters of Activity*, twelve positions for research assistants will be available as of May 2019 from the humanities and social sciences, natural sciences and technology (postdocs) as well as mathematics, computer science and all design disciplines (postdocs or praedocs). The duration of the contracts depends on the individual qualification of the applicants for one project phase (until 30.06.2021) or two consecutive project phases (until 31.12.2022).

The aim of the Cluster *Matters of Activity* is to provide the foundations for a new culture of materiality in the sense of reinventing the analog in the digital age. The development of sustainable, energy-saving artefacts and techniques requires the inseparability of active images, spaces and materials through an interdisciplinary approach in which the humanities, natural sciences and design disciplines cooperate as equal partners. Experimental and design-oriented approaches will be combined with historical analysis in order to draw practical and theoretical consequences. For the initial six research projects, the participating Principal Investigators from over 40 disciplines are seeking outstanding young researchers to collaboratively investigate the practices of »Weaving«, »Cutting«, »Filtering«, the structural connections of »Material Form Function« and »Object Space Agency« as well as the codes of »Symbolic Material«.

Requirements: completed academic education and PhD in a subject relevant to the respective project, interdisciplinary research experience and excellent English skills, both written and spoken. Designers without a doctorate are invited to apply if they have several years of practical and/or research experience. In special cases, candidates with doctoral projects (e.g. mathematics, computer science) are also welcome to apply.

Please send your application, including curriculum vitae in tabular form, letter of recommendation and letter of motivation/exposé (2 pages), until 15.01.2019, quoting the **reference number DR/166/18**, to: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Exzellenzcluster *Matters of Activity. Image Space Material*, Prof. Schäffner, Unter den Linden 6, 10099 Berlin or preferably in electronic form (one PDF file) to: MoA.application@hu-berlin.de.

The exposé should present a research project geared towards the research program of the Cluster and two projects. It also has to make plausible which other disciplines should be involved in working on the project. The research program of the Cluster of Excellence can be accessed at: www.moa.hu-berlin.de/en/projects. Please note that only the research projects of the first phase (until 30.06.2021) are published on the website and have to be addressed in the exposé.

Please also fill the online application form under the following link to complete your application:
<https://webforms.bwg.hu-berlin.de/applications-scientific-staff-positions-cluster-of-excellence-matters-of-activity>.

Selected applicants will be invited to give a lecture with subsequent discussion at the selection symposium/assessment which will take place in the period from 1th to 4th of March 2019. Unfortunately, the travel expenses to the symposium cannot be covered.

HU seeks to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching, and specifically encourages qualified female researchers to apply. Applications of researchers from abroad are welcome. Preference will be given to disabled persons with equal qualifications. Applicants with migration background are highly welcome. Since application materials will not be returned, we ask you to send only copies of all documents.

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