

Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences in Kleve and Kamp-Lintfort, Germany, offers an innovative and international academic atmosphere combined with first-rate teaching and over 30 interdisciplinary bachelor's and master's degree programmes, the majority of which are taught in English. Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences is committed to excellence in research in engineering, technology, the natural and social sciences, and is home to some 7,000 students hailing from over 100 different nations.

Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences is located in the scenic Lower Rhine between the economic hub of the Rhine-Ruhr metropolis and the Netherlands. Its central European location ensures that both campus locations are easily accessible via three international airports: Amsterdam (Schiphol), Düsseldorf and Weeze.

We are currently inviting applications for the following vacancy in the Faculty of Technology and Bionics, Kleve Campus, to be filled by 1st June 2018:

Reference number 01/F1/18

Research Associate (m/f) in Science Communication & Stakeholder Management

German TV-L pay scale level E13, depending on funding approval fixed-term contract until 31st May 2022 according to section 2 (2) of the German Academic Fixed-Term Contract Act (WissZeitVG), full-time for two years, and then reduced to 80% for the remaining two years unless additional funding has been acquired

Your tasks:

- Self-reliant work in a large international research project on sustainable water technologies
- Scientifically conduct stakeholder analyses
- Apply those results in dialogue-oriented activities for upstream science engagement
- Analyse communication needs and constraints in certain specialised communities
- Develop, manage, and monitor communication and marketing strategies and activities
- Online monitoring and event management; project administration
- Plan and support exploitation and transfer of project results (reports; patenting, regulatory affairs, media relations)
- Manage and support building a sustainable stakeholder network beyond the project lifetime
- Collaborate with international partner institutions and coordinate a Work Package
- Support teaching in Science Communication at Bachelor and Master's level, as well as CPD
- Methodologically supervise science communication research theses and projects
- Develop research proposals and manage collaboration in research and teaching

Your profile:

- Academic degree (Master's level), ideally (i) either in science communication / a communication or information science, STS or similar disciplines, or (ii) in water management / sustainability
- Pertinent work experience of at least three years in stakeholder management, e.g. upstream public engagement activities

- Skills and experience with quantitative and qualitative social science research methods, especially survey design, focus groups, and sampling; study design; inferential statistics; basic knowledge and experience with software tools for research such as R / Tableau / SPSS / MAXQDA
- Expertise and if possible practical experience in political communication for science and innovation, e.g. science policy advice / technology assessment / science advocacy / science diplomacy
- Good skills in work administration and organisation, including basic IT skills (MS Office, MS Project, CMS, Social Media, post-production of audio-visual content)
- Very good interpersonal and communication skills (verbally and in writing), including very good English language skills, at least C1 under CEFR
- Experience with international research projects, if possible in the area of science communication
- Teaching experience in tertiary education, ideally in science communication
- If possible basic knowledge of German and Italian, or at least willingness to acquire such language skills during the project
- Ideally training and / or experience in grant-writing and project management

Rhine-Waal as an international university does not require but recommend some basic knowledge of German, e.g. for administrative purposes. Hence new employees are expected to acquire a basic level of German (B1 CEFR) within the first two years of their employment.

Part-time employment is also possible for this position.

More information about our department: bit.ly/AG-SC-Research

More information about our degree programme: bit.ly/SciComm-DE

Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences is committed to the professional development and advancement of women. Female candidates are expressly welcomed and encouraged to apply. In accordance with the Gender Equality Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (*Landesgleichstellungsgesetz NRW*), in cases of equal suitability, aptitude and professional experience, female candidates shall be given preferential consideration over male candidates for vacancies in areas with proportionally fewer female employees, provided there are no specific, overriding reasons for giving preference to a specific male candidate.

In the event of equal suitability, preferential consideration will also be given to disabled candidates or candidates recognised as such by virtue of Section 2 (3) of the German Code of Social Law, Book IX (SGB IX).

Please submit only copies of your original documents and avoid any elaborate folders etc., as we are unfortunately unable to return applications to their sender. Please do not submit your application online or in electronic form.

Please send your application and all relevant documents in hard copy and postmarked by no later than 19th March 2018 to: **Dezernat Personal der Hochschule Rhein-Waal, Marie-Curie-Str. 1, 47533 Kleve, Germany.** Please specify the **reference number** in your application.