



Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin invites applications for two positions for

**PhD students (75% positions) on political economy of climate change (m/f/d).**

The successful candidates will join the new junior research group *PECan*, working on the political economy of climate policies and the financial system at Thaeer-Institute of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU-Berlin) and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK). They will conduct research on politico-economic interactions of climate policy-making with the financial system and its regulation within consistent scenarios of a sustainable transformation. They will be part of a transdisciplinary project funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research within the [‘Research for Sustainability’ \(FONA\) Strategy](#).

**Requirements:**

Position A:

- An excellent degree in economics or a related field.
- Knowledge of econometric methods and in applied microeconomics, environmental economics or political economics.

Position B:

- An excellent degree in economics, political science, or a related field.
- Knowledge of quantitative or qualitative empirical methods and in applied microeconomics, environmental economics or political economics.

Both positions: Proficiency in English; Interest in economic research on sustainability issues and interdisciplinary research.

**A plus would be:** Skills in survey methods; Knowledge of institutional economics; Skills in machine learning methods or in quasi-experimental econometric methods; Knowledge of and interest in climate risks for the financial system, green macroprudential policies, asset pricing, program evaluation, sustainable finance, behavioral finance and related topics and fields; Interest to combine quantitative and qualitative methods; Track record as a strong team player; Proficiency in German.

**We offer:**

- The opportunity to work in an open, friendly and highly motivated interdisciplinary team within the research group at HU-Berlin and PIK.
- Collaboration with high-profile, internationally recognized researchers, both in Berlin (e.g. [IRI-THESys](#), [Berlin School of Economics](#)) and Potsdam ([PIK](#)), and within our extensive global networks.
- The chance to present at major conferences.
- Office in the middle of Berlin's lively Mitte district.

The positions are scheduled to start on 01.10.2022 for a duration of 5 years. A salary will be paid according to the German University Standards at a 75% level. We are seeking to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching, and specifically encourage qualified female scholars to apply. Disabled applicants with equivalent qualifications will be given preferential consideration. People with diverse backgrounds are specifically encouraged to apply.

**The application deadline is 08.07.2022.** Please send your application including a motivation letter, a copy of relevant certificates, a complete CV, your master thesis or other sample research publication, as well as names and contact details of two referees in a single PDF file with the subject “PECan application\_<your name>” and reference [DR/079/22](#) for position A or [DR/078/22](#) for position B to [resource-economics@hu-berlin.de](mailto:resource-economics@hu-berlin.de). For further information, please contact [Achim Hagen](#).