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**Job announcement – Application code: “Application STAR-Pro-Bio - 2018”**

The Chair for Innovation Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Management, Technische Universität Berlin is seeking to employ a

**Student Research Assistant (41 h/month) from the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2018 until the 31<sup>th</sup> of January 2020**

to support work in the EU-funded research project „STAR-Pro-Bio: Sustainability Transition Assessment and Research of Bio-based Products”

Closing date for applications **12.01.2018**

<b>Job Purpose</b>
Support in the implementation of a European Union-funded Horizon 2020 project in the field of sustainability assessment schemes for the establishment of a sustainable, innovative bio-based economy in Europe.
<b>Short description of the Horizon 2020 project</b>
<b>STAR-Pro-Bio</b> (Sustainability Transition Assessment and Research of Bio-based Products)  STAR-ProBio constitutes a multidisciplinary and multi-actor collaborative project that will meet environmental, social and economic challenges, paving the way for a much-needed transition towards a sustainable bio-based economy in Europe. The overall objective is to develop a fit-for-purpose sustainability scheme, including standards, labels and certifications for bio-based products. The Chair of Innovation Economics at TU Berlin will lead work package1 on the identification of important factors to be considered in the sustainability assessment tools to be developed under the project as well as work package 5 on market assessment, aimed at promoting activities that will facilitate further market uptake of sustainable bio-based products. It will focus on identifying the sustainability preferences and expectations of all relevant value chain players: producers, consumers and public procurers. Stakeholders representing the bio-based industry, businesses, governments, certification bodies and end-users will be involved through ongoing consultation, focus groups, workshops, webinars and experiments.
<b>Main Activities and Responsibilities</b>
Support the implementation of the <b>STAR-Pro-Bio</b> project, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support in conducting socio- economic research for the identification of environmental, social and economic <b>criteria</b> to be considered in the development of a sustainability scheme blueprint for bio-based products;</li><li>• Support in the identification of sustainability preferences and expectations of all relevant value chain players: producers, consumers and public procurers. This will include consultation, focus groups, surveys, workshops, webinars and experiments exercises;</li></ul>

- Support in the preparation of reports, organization of workshops, project meetings and webinars.

### Requirements

- Background in economics, social sciences or engineering with an interest in applied research
- Above average grades
- High level of commitment and self-motivation, ability to work independently
- Good knowledge of MS Office, in particular Excel
- Very good knowledge of English
- Experience conducting research and
- Experience in applied statistics and relevant software a plus

### What we offer

A highly-dynamic and flexible work environment with opportunities for developing your skills and networks in the field of the bio-based / circular economy. Opportunities to gain access to key stakeholders in the bio-based / circular economy throughout Europe.

### Application process

Please send your **written** application with the **reference number** and the appropriate documents to Technische Universität Berlin - Der Präsident -, **Fakultät VII, Institut für Technologie und Management, FG Innovationsökonomie, Prof. Dr. Blind, Sekr. MAR 2-5, Marchstraße 23** or **by email to [Brigitte.essoun@tu-berlin.de](mailto:Brigitte.essoun@tu-berlin.de)**.

To ensure equal opportunities between women and men, applications by women with the required qualifications are explicitly desired. Qualified individuals with disabilities will be favored. Please send copies only. Original documents will not be returned.

The vacancy is also available on the internet at <http://www.personalabteilung.tu-berlin.de/menue/jobs/>