In the Schaufler Lab@TU Dresden, a joint initiative of The Schaufler Foundation and TUD Dresden University of Technology, researchers and artists address the interactions between technology, art, science, and entrepreneurship. The focus is on technology as a resource, as a medium of dissemination, and as an element of discourse. The guiding theme of the second funding phase will be “Data↔Worlds. Socio-technical and Cultural Syntheses of New Realities”. Under this title, the relationships between technological development and social and cultural change are to be investigated from a primarily humanities, cultural, social and educational science perspective, artistically elaborated and communicated to the public. The Schaufler Lab@TU Dresden comprises seven PhD positions and one postdoctoral position at the Schaufler Kolleg graduate school, as well as an annually changing Artist in Residence program at the Schaufler Residency. For TUD diversity is an essential feature and a quality criterion of an excellent university. Accordingly, we welcome all applicants who would like to commit themselves, their achievements and productivity to the success of the whole institution.

At the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Schaufler Lab@TU Dresden offers seven positions as

Research Associate / PhD Student (m/f/x)
(subject to personal qualification employees are remunerated according to salary group E 13 TV-L)

starting April 1, 2024. The positions comprise 65% of the fulltime weekly hours and are limited until March 31, 2027. The period of employment is governed by the Fixed Term Research Contracts Act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz – WissZeitVG). The positions aim at obtaining further academic qualification (usually PhD).

PhD projects of the Schaufler Kolleg will approach the guiding theme "Data↔Worlds" from ethical, social, legal, political, socio-economic, historical, media, didactic, literary, educational and aesthetic perspectives. Each research associate position is affiliated with the Schaufler Lab@TU Dresden. The workplace is located in the lab's offices. PhD projects will be supervised by one or more members of the TU Dresden according to the PhD degree regulations of the respective faculty at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. The PhD supervisor is also the immediate superior. Additional interdisciplinary training and mentoring takes place in the Lab. Within this framework, qualification opportunities and mentorships from scientists from the STEM subjects are offered for the PhD project.

Tasks:
- prepare and execute an independent PhD project within the professional and conceptual framework of the Schaufler Lab
- actively and regularly participate in the graduate school's training program and on-site Schaufler Lab events
- cooperate with and do research on collaborations with artists of the Schaufler Residency@TU Dresden program
- publish and present research results on workshops and conferences
- communicate research findings to a broader audience, such as cultural and educational institutions
- take part in the organization of the graduate school (co-organization of workshops and conferences, contributions to annual reports, participation in program planning, etc.).

Requirements:
- above-average university degree in one of the previous mentioned disciplines
- great willingness to interdisciplinary work as well as research and collaboration with artists in the Schaufler Residency program
- enthusiasm and commitment to science mediation and communication
- excellent command of either German or English – written and oral, at least B2 level in German
- strong communication and teamwork skills as well as a precise, reliable and independent work attitude with high commitment.

For more information about the research program and possible sample topics, please visit our website: https://tu-dresden.de/gsw/schauflerlab/phase2.

TUD strives to employ more women in academia and research. We therefore expressly encourage women to apply. The University is a certified family-friendly university and offers a Dual Career Service. We welcome applications from candidates with disabilities. If multiple candidates prove to be equally qualified, those with disabilities or with equivalent status pursuant to the German Social Code IX (SGB IX) will receive priority for employment.

In addition to the usual application documents in German or English (letter of motivation, CV, copy of degree certificate, language certificates, where required), please prepare an exposé of no more than 20,000 characters outlining the planned doctoral project with a relevant and original question within the framework of the guiding theme "Data↔Worlds" and explaining its scientific and social relevance as well as a concept for its implementation. Interdisciplinary projects are particularly desired, also as cooperations of humanities and social sciences with STEM subjects. The exposé should also specifically name the possible supervisors at the TU Dresden.

Please submit your detailed applications by December 19, 2023 (stamped arrival date of the university central mail service or the time stamp on the email server of TUD applies), preferably via the TUD SecureMail Portal https://securemail.tu-dresden.de by sending it as a single pdf file to schaufler.lab@tu-dresden.de or to: TU Dresden, Bereich Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften, Schaufler Lab@TU Dresden, Herrn Prof. Lutz Hagen, Helmholtzstr. 10, 01069 Dresden, Germany. Please submit copies only, as your application will not be returned to you. Expenses incurred in attending interviews cannot be reimbursed.

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