



## RESOURCEFULNESS – TWO JUNIOR RESEARCH POSITION (2024)

The [Resourcefulness Signatory Project of Pathways to Sustainability](#) seeks to hire **two junior researchers** who can commit to 4 days a week (0,8 fte) for a period of 12 months, (until July 2025). The position will start as soon as possible, ideally by 1<sup>st</sup> of March. The junior researchers should be motivated and critical thinkers, have excellent research and writing skills, have knowledge of coloniality and decolonial theories, and have an interest in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary collaborations.

The positions are ideal for someone aspiring a PhD trajectory or even someone currently finishing their PhD trajectory.

We have two positions that are complementary, with corresponding responsibilities:

### Position 1 – Junior researcher: mapping flows of critical materials and finance

#### Responsibilities:

- Writing a research proposal in collaboration with the Resourcefulness team.
- Mapping the flow of one or two critical materials and the corporate macro-level finance that make them investible and identifying the investment-mechanisms (inter-country and inter-organizational) that construct 'green' and sustainable imaginaries around the extraction of these materials.
- Co-organization of a workshop with the Resourcefulness team.

### Position 2 – Junior researcher: Qualitative study of a value chain

#### Responsibilities:

- Writing a research proposal in collaboration with the Resourcefulness team.
- Conducting a literature study of the social, environmental, and political impacts on different scales and locations along a particular value chain of a critical mineral for the energy transition. The study will also take a narrative approach and pay explicit attention to different layers of meaning of resources.
- Depending on available funds, contacts, and experience of the junior researcher, this study may also involve empirical research.
- Co-organization of a workshop with the Resourcefulness team.



## Requirements

- You have a Master degree in a subject relevant to either one of the two junior researcher positions addressed by the Resourcefulness group;
- You can review and analyse literature, from an interdisciplinary perspective;
- An excellent command of spoken and written English.;
- A professional attitude and behaviour that includes reliability, a pro-active mindset, integrity, precision, good communication skills and collegiality;
- Enthusiasm and intrinsic motivation;
- For position 1: experience with (economic) modelling/mapping of financial or material flows, interest in learning more about the intersection of financial/material flows and decoloniality.
- For position 2: experience with using qualitative research methods. We particularly look for people with experience in perspectives from political ecology, decolonial studies, environmental humanities, and/or anthropology.
- For both positions a plus would be relevant extracurricular projects that show independent critical research skills.

Applications (in English) can be sent by email by no later than 17h00 by **February 15, 2024** to Nikkie Wiegink and Friedemann Polzin at [N.Wiegink@uu.nl](mailto:N.Wiegink@uu.nl) and [F.H.J.Polzin@uu.nl](mailto:F.H.J.Polzin@uu.nl). Please include your CV and a cover letter, explaining your suitability for, and interest in, the position. Write “Resourcefulness junior researcher” in the header of your email, specify your interest in position 1 or 2, and clearly label all documents with your first and last names. You will be contacted if you are selected for an interview.

Candidates with a background underrepresented in Dutch academia are encouraged to apply for this position. For information about the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy of the University see: <https://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/equality-diversity-inclusion>