



# Wetskills South Africa 2018

Announcement for participants

## *Join the Wetskills Water Challenge in Cape Town, South Africa*

The Wetskills Foundation invites Bachelor, Master, PhD students and recent graduates with a passion for water to apply for the Wetskills Water Challenge programme in Cape Town, South Africa, from 15 – 28 June, 2018. With water higher on everyone's agenda than ever because of the persistent drought, your solutions to pressing Cape Townian water issues are urgently needed. *Apply for this unique opportunity!*

### Wetskills Water Challenge South Africa: 15 – 28 June (Cape Town)

As a Wetskills participant, you will work in mixed and multidisciplinary teams of about 4-5 participants. You are asked to develop innovative concepts to case studies, provided by the water sector during this extensive two-week program in South Africa. Dates for this event are 15 – 28 June, 2018.

The program will start with two days of teambuilding activities, in order to meet each other. This includes field trips to water-related and cultural sites around Cape Town, including the surroundings' famous wineries, a Nereda-based wastewater treatment site, the now almost empty reservoir that supplies drinking water to the city and of course the city itself. About seven intensive working days follow, which will focus on working on the assigned water challenge case study. We are hosted by **University of Cape Town**, a beautifully located campus university. Dutch and South-African supervisors will guide you during the two-week program and facilitate your team to find your own innovative concept. Finally, each team will present their case study and innovative and creative ideas during the **WISA2018 Conference and Exhibition in Cape Town**. The winning team will be pronounced at this event as well.

Since 2010, more than 500 students and young water professionals from about 100 international universities and organizations have participated in one of the more than 25 Wetskills Water Challenges organized in Asia (China, South Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, Philippines and India), North Africa & Middle East (Oman, Morocco, Israel, Iran and Egypt), Sub-Saharan Africa (South Africa & Mozambique), Europe (Romania, UK & the Netherlands and North America (United States & Canada).

**First deadline for application and selection:**

**28 February 2018.**

**Afterwards every two weeks a selection of the new applications till the programme is full. (First Come, First Served)**

### Who can apply?

Any Young Water Professionals (up to 5 years of working experience) and final year Bachelor, Master or PhD student and recent graduates with passion for water and intercultural teamwork. This edition of Wetskills welcomes international applications (beside Dutch and South African) as well.

### How can I apply?

Prepare a motivation letter and resume, go to [www.wetskills.com](http://www.wetskills.com), fill in the online application form on the website and submit it.

### Selection criteria

The Wetskills organization will make a final selection among applications received. The selection is based on quality of motivation letter and resume.



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### What are the costs?

The participation fee for the program in Cape Town is only €350,-. The participation fee includes: accommodation (hostel), teambuilding activities, some but not all lunches & dinners, field trips, workshops and working locations. You also have to register yourself for the WISA2018 Conference, which will cost approximately €200,-, we are still negotiating the price). Participants are further responsible for their own travel expenses (plane tickets, local travel, etcetera), meals during working days and other personal costs.

*Note: During past editions participants often successfully arranged financial compensation for their Wetskills participation from their university or employer. We therefore strongly encourage applicants to inquire about funding opportunities to compensate the costs (university mobility funds, travel allowance etc.).*



### What do I get?

A unique **learning experience** where you will tackle real-world water challenges! You will increase your **skills** in international cooperation, problem solving, cross-cultural and interdisciplinary teamwork, networking and presenting (Pitch & Poster). The program provides a fantastic opportunity to **connect** with other international water students from various universities. You will learn more about the Dutch and Israeli water industry, the main stakeholders and organizations, contemporary issues and current business opportunities. After completion of the program you will get a **certificate of participation**.

### More information

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