



Wetskills Netherlands 2018

Announcement for participants

European Cultural Capital and Water Tech Week Leeuwarden – 5th edition of Wetskills in the Netherlands!

In 2018, Leeuwarden - Friesland is Europe's Cultural Capital. During this entire year, the city is organizing various artistic events and cultural projects, with the theme *open community*. At the same time, Leeuwarden is also the United Nations Innovating City for water technology and will be Connecting Global Water Tech Hubs during the European Water Technology Week (EWTW 2018), from 24 to 27 September.



The Wetskills Foundation invites Bachelor, Master, PhD students and recent graduates to apply for the Wetskills Water Challenge Netherlands 2018. The final presentations will be organized in the framework of the EWTW 2018 and in close cooperation with Water Alliance, Water Campus Leeuwarden and Wetsus, European Centre of Excellence for sustainable water technology. To all who are interested in water challenges and want to be in the European Cultural Capital of 2018: this is your chance! Apply now!

Wetskills Water Challenge Netherlands: 15 - 27 September 2018, Leeuwarden

During the two-week program, participants will work in mixed and multidisciplinary teams of about five students to develop innovative, 'out of the box' solutions for case studies brought in by organizations and companies from the water sector. Arriving in Leeuwarden, the participants will first get to know each other through some teambuilding activities. The program will continue with several field trips visiting case study sites and other water-related and cultural locations around the city. As the official start of the challenge (called BrainHurricane), the cases will be briefly introduced by the case owners at the

Since 2010, more than 600 students and young water professionals from about 120 international universities and organizations have participated in one of the 30 Wetskills Water Challenges organized in Asia (China, South Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia and India), North Africa & Middle East (Iran, Oman, Morocco, Israel and Egypt), Sub-Saharan Africa (South Africa & Mozambique), Europe (Romania, United Kingdom & the Netherlands) and North America (United States & Canada).

Water Campus Leeuwarden. In a speed date session with experts the teams get information regarding their case. After this BrainHurricane the teams get to work on their cases for several days at the university. The supervisors will guide you during the two-week program and facilitate your team to find its own innovative concept. For the final stretch of the program, including the pitches and awarding ceremony during the European Water Technology Week.

Deadline for application and selection: 19 June 2018.

Afterwards every two weeks a selection of the new applications. (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 from all over the world.

How can I apply?

Prepare a motivation letter & resume, go to www.wetskills.com, fill-in and submit the online application form on the website.

Selection criteria

More information: www.wetskills.com, YouTube, Twitter & Facebook



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The Wetskills organization will make the selection among applications received. The selection is based on quality of motivation letter & resume.

What are the costs?

Participation costs for international participants or local participants with accommodation in Leeuwarden are 425 euros. The fee includes accommodation (in Leeuwarden and outside Leeuwarden during the field trips), program costs, supervision, some social activities, field trips, working locations, presentations by experts and the final and awarding event at the European Water Technology Week. It does not include transport, some meals, other daily costs. Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses (like plane tickets and some local travel), meals during working days and other personal costs.

The fee for participants from the Netherlands who do not need accommodation, are 150 euros, including the above arrangements (without accommodation in Leeuwarden).

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);
- You will get the opportunity to connect with other international water students/young professionals;
- You will visit Leeuwarden during its nomination as European Cultural Capital, water-related sites and meet water professionals;
- You will learn, network and experience more about the Dutch and European water technology hubs, the main stakeholders and organizations, contemporary issues and current business opportunities;
- You will receive a certificate of participation upon completion of the program.

More information

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