



Wetskills-The Netherlands 2019

Announcement for participants

Join the sixth homecoming edition of Wetskills Water Challenge

The Wetskills organization invites Bachelor, Master, PhD students and recent graduates to apply for the **Wetskills Water Challenge** programme in The Netherlands. This sixth homecoming edition of Wetskills, aligned to the Amsterdam International Water Week, will take the participants all across the Dutch delta in two weeks, visiting interesting and relevant water-related locations in Delft, Rotterdam, The Hague and Amsterdam (The Netherlands.) *Apply for this unique opportunity to participate in Wetskills Water Challenge and join the Future Water Leaders programme of Amsterdam International Water Week!*

Wetskills-The Netherlands 2019:

25 October - 7 November 2019

Rotterdam, Delft, The Hague and Amsterdam



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 The Netherlands, the participants will first get to know each other through some teambuilding activities and visit cultural and water-related sites. The challenge will start officially with the BrainHurricane, where the case owners will briefly

Since 2010, almost 700 students and young water professionals from about 150 international universities and organizations have participated in one of the 34 Wetskills Water Challenges organized in Asia (China, South Korea, Taiwan, Kyrgyzstan, 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) and Latin America (Colombia).

introduce the cases. 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. 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 the programme will go Amsterdam. The finals (pitches & poster presentation) and the Awarding Ceremony are during the **Amsterdam international Water Week (AIWW)**. All participants will be part of the **AIWW Future Water Leaders programme**, which is totally integrated to the overall programme of AIWW

Deadline for application and selection: 1 June 2019.

Afterwards every week a selection of the new applications till the program 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.

How can I apply?

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

More information: www.wetskills.com





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Selection criteria

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

What are the costs?

The participation fee for local and international participants is **€ 425,- (excl. 21% VAT)**.

The programme fee includes: accommodation in The Netherlands during the programme, field trips, social activities, workshops, working locations, supervision, some of the meals and the Finals and Awarding ceremony. The fee also includes access to the Amsterdam International Water Week: participants are also part of the integrated AIWW Future Water Leaders programme. Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses (like plane tickets and some local travel), meals during working days and other personal costs, which are excluded the participation fee.

Note: The Wetskills organisation is striving to find possibilities to keep the costs to the participants at a minimum. 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 become part of Amsterdam International Water Week;
- You will get the opportunity to connect with other international water students/young professionals;
- You will visit several water-related sites of The Netherlands, incl. Amsterdam, Rotterdam The Hague and Delft
- You will learn and experience more about the international water sector; 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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