
ABOUT

The UN’s SDGs has a specific focus on alleviating water poverty, increasing access to sanitation, while developing international cooperation and support capacity building for water and sanitation-related activities in developing countries. With concern that we are heading towards a global water crisis, there is an urgent need to address the importance and necessity of innovative research and collaboration in paving the way towards a sustainable and resilient future for generations to come.

The 2019 workshop theme ‘Water in Society’, aims to deepen participants’ understanding of how research impacts water and sustainability through cross-disciplinary knowledge exchange, skills-sharing and networking. In order to achieve this, the three-day programme will include small group workshops, poster sessions by early career researchers (ECRs), talks by established researchers, and sessions with international and interdisciplinary perspectives on ‘Water in Society’. The workshop will be a unique opportunity for ECRs from across all disciplines to share knowledge, experiences and current projects from around the world.

Research areas may include (but are not limited to):

- human rights and the ethics of water;
- hydro-solidarity and hydro-politics and peacebuilding;
- sustainable urban management and development;
- water-energy-food nexus and circular economy; and
- water, environment and law.

In addition to developing specialized knowledge related to the theme, the workshop will also have a strong focus on networking and gaining an international perspective on:

- funding opportunities international projects;
- communicating your research;
- connecting to R&D industry for commercializing research ideas; and
- career paths for researchers.

By the end of the workshop, ECRs will have a greater understanding of the challenges and interdisciplinary solutions to avert a global water crisis, as well as inspiration for opportunities for collaboration within the U21 network.
Eligibility

Early career academics from all disciplines within the U21 network are welcome to join. They should have been awarded their PhD within the last 8 years; this definition is flexible with each university having the discretion to nominate ECRs who fall outside this definition, due to an atypical career path, including those who have:

1. started the research-intensive component of their career later
2. had career breaks
3. spent time in industry

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be submitted to pouneh.eftekhari@er.lu.se by 20 October 2019. The application should include:

- Contact information (full name, email, affiliated institution/department at Lund University, research area and/or keywords)
- Short motivation statement highlighting the relevance of attending this working addition to the impact of attending such a workshop.
- An official endorsement by the Head of institution/department

The application template can be found here.

RESULTS

Up to 10 early career researchers will be chosen to attend the workshop. These individuals will be contacted via email by 23 October 2019.