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Utility Management Training YWP Scholarship Call for Proposals

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Utility Management Training

The need to support and enhance the management culture in the water utility sector is undisputed. The [State of the Sector](#) reports prepared through the Danube Water Program and the opinions of various stakeholders in the industry repeatedly prove this necessity. Utilizing the already-developed Danube Learning Partnership (D-LeaP, www.d-leap.org) programs and in partnership with leading utilities in Central and Eastern Europe, the Utility Management Training (UMT) was developed aiming to "equip" current and future water-sector managers with tools and techniques to support their decision making (see [UMT webpage](#) for further information).

The UMT has been designed as a two years Master Class spanning over six modules covering the major processes and functions in a water utility. The modules combine theory and practice, classroom trainings and field demonstrations.

The [Utility Management Training](#) is delivered in the regional Danube Hub (operated by IAWD) in the frame of the Danube Learning Partnership (www.d-leap.org).

UMT YWP Scholarship

The World Bank with the support of the Global Water Security & Sanitation Partnership (GWSP) invites eligible Young Water Professionals (YWP) working in a water utility, who need financial assistance to join the program, to apply for a YWP Scholarship supporting participation.

The tuition fee for participating in the UMT is EUR 5,000 for the duration of two years. This does not include travel and accommodation costs. The UMT YWP Scholarship can cover 100% of the tuition fee including the travel and accommodation costs for all six modules.

Please see eligibility criteria and application instructions below.

Eligibility criteria

The applicant should:

- Be a Young Water Professional (below 35 years at the date of application)
- Work for a utility from a target country under the Danube Water Program (listed below)
- Demonstrate interest in supporting improvement in his/her respective utility

Preferred qualifications

- Academic degree (at least BSc or equivalent in a relevant subject such as engineering, finance, economics etc.)
- At least one year experience working with his/her current utility
- Demonstrated performance within the utility

Female applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

Danube Water Program target countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

Application procedure and deadlines

In order to apply for a scholarship, applicants must complete the application form [here](#) and submit the following documents:

- Motivation letter (please outline your motivation to participate in the UMT as well as how you intend to implement the lessons learned to contribute to change in your utility, and the level of tuition support being requested)
- Signed letter of support from the utility management
- Up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- If applicable, other documents supporting your application (e.g. additional letters of recommendation)

The deadline for submission is **20 January 2025, 6PM CET.**

A decision on the applicants supported will be taken by a World Bank selection panel. The successful applicants will be notified early February 2025.

Contact information

If you have any follow-up questions on the eligibility criteria or the submission of documents, please contact us under office@iawd.at.

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