



## Join the RiSWP Ambassador Program!

Are you under the age of 35? Are you a young water professional interested in the digitalisation of the water and wastewater sectors? Do you have a passion for motivating others and engaging communities? Then join us today as a Rising Smart Water Professionals (RiSWP) Ambassador!

### **What is the RiSWP Ambassador Program?**

RiSWP is the official young professional extension of the SWAN Forum, the leading global hub for the smart water and wastewater sectors. We are a group of students and young professionals passionate about addressing challenges in water networks with smart, data-driven solutions.

The RiSWP Ambassador Program offers an opportunity for young water professionals to mobilise smart water communities locally, as well as to develop key engagement and leadership skills. This is a great opportunity to collaborate and inspire the next generation of smart water professionals!

By joining the RiSWP Ambassador Program, you will have the opportunity to:

- Serve as an extension of the RiSWP Leadership Team in your region.
- Be featured on the SWAN Forum website as a RiSWP Ambassador and community mobiliser.
- Represent the smart water sector locally!
- Organise activities for your local network to enable a community of young smart water professionals.
- Gain leadership skills from RiSWP and SWAN Forum during team meetings.
- Meet other Ambassadors from across the globe during Ambassador Online Meet-Ups.
- Evolve into a member of the RiSWP Leadership Team.
- Gain experience, skills, a network, and to be part of an AWESOME international team!

### **What would be your role as an Ambassador?**

The ambassador program is a minimum 1 year commitment, with a maximum of 2 years in the role. This includes frequent meetings with the RiSWP Leadership Team (LT) (approximately once every 2 months or on an as needed basis), as well as introductory meetings with the SWAN Forum, and global Ambassador Meet-Ups (which are not mandatory, but highly encouraged). The hours of work per month will vary depending on the activities you organise and what fits within your capacity, and can be discussed with the RiSWP LT.

Activities and responsibilities of ambassadors include:



1. **Engage your local RiSWP community:** Organise at least 1-2 activities per year as ambassador to activate a local community of RiSWPers and look for opportunities to grow the network locally.
2. **Shape global RiSWP activities:** Take part in RiSWP LT meetings and make suggestions for global activities, with requests from the local communities you are mobilising.
3. **Collaborate with the SWAN Alliances:** Depending on your region, we do recommend to get in touch with the local [SWAN Alliances](#) and co-organise activities to enable further networking opportunities for young water professionals with the established alliances of water sector experts.

In organising these activities as an ambassador, we expect you to uphold RiSWP and SWAN Forum principles on diversity and inclusion. This means ensuring that your events and activities are tailored to the diverse water sector community with considerations on inclusion of gender, ethnicity and ability.

#### **Who can apply to become a RiSWP Ambassador?**

Anyone with an interest and some experience or desire to enter the smart water sector!

We are looking for passionate, diverse and dynamic individuals from across the globe to support us in our efforts to grow the RiSWP community, therefore growing the opportunities for young water professionals to kick-start their careers in smart water.

Applicants should demonstrate their willingness to mobilise, engage and convene communities, and show experience in doing so with tangible examples. We also want to hear about new and innovative ways to engage communities locally through online and offline methods, and which activities you would most like to contribute to as an Ambassador. Don't forget to mention why it is so important for you to engage others in the vision for a more water-wise world!

Please note that participation in the RiSWP Ambassador Program is voluntary and non-remunerated.

#### **Apply by January 29th, 2021!**

You can submit an application for the RiSWP Ambassador Program [here](#).

All applicants will be contacted regardless of application outcome. If you are selected as an Ambassador, a member of the RiSWP LT will set up a meeting with you to meet and discuss which activities you want to work on and to craft your Ambassadorship (i.e. roles and



responsibilities) in a way that is feasible with your current career/studies and based on your desires as an Ambassador. We want to empower you to do your best and to learn as well!

Should you have any questions, please contact Lisa Andrews, RiSWP Leadership Team member at: [riswp@swan-forum.com](mailto:riswp@swan-forum.com). Also consult the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).