



RiSWP Ambassador Program FAQs

Applying for the Ambassador Program

1. How do I apply for the program?

To apply for the RiSWP Ambassador Program, you must complete the [Application Form](#) with the information requested. We ask you to share about your background and your interest in joining the program. You will also be asked which activities you would most like to conduct as an ambassador and to submit a creative response to “Why do you think the RiSWP community is valuable and what are key ways young professionals can contribute to the smart water transition?”

2. I am a digital nomad and change my location often. Will I still be eligible for the program?

Yes, of course! Just keep us posted on your whereabouts should you move and we can help to support you in organising the activities in your different locations.

3. If I am involved with other smart water organisations and/or programs, am I still able to apply?

You bet! We ask that you commit to the minimum hours and activities agreed upon in your initial meeting with the RiSWP Leadership Team, and notify the team if there are any changes to your availability. However, we strongly value the connections and networks you bring along with your current experience.

The Ambassador's Role

1. How many ambassadors will be selected?

At any given time, RiSWP aims to have a maximum of 15 ambassadors. The goal is for each member of the RiSWP Leadership Team to support 2-3 ambassadors with their activities.

2. What countries or regions will ambassadors be selected from?



The aim is to have a diverse base of ambassadors from across the globe who have a demonstrated interest in smart water solutions. We will try to avoid multiple ambassadors from one country to represent the broad range of backgrounds and perspectives..

3. Are ambassadors expected to take all the activities/responsibilities listed in the outline?

Yes, however, we are flexible. We want you to be comfortable with what you are able to achieve, and the RiSWP Leadership Team can support you throughout your ambassadorship. The responsibilities for ambassadors include: organising activities to engage your local network, to write content for the RiSWP LinkedIn and SWAN website, and empower a community of Rising Smart Water Professionals (RiSWP) in your region.

We also included that you can take part in ambassador meet-ups organised by the RiSWP Leadership Team and meetings with SWAN senior professionals. You can attend these on an as-needed or as-desired basis! We just wanted to give something back to our ambassadors and do hope you can join us.

4. Can I collaborate with individuals who are not a part of the ambassador program, RiSWP or SWAN Forum?

Of course! Our aim is to grow the network of RiSWP as part of the SWAN Forum, so engaging with new people is great and we hope that you can get them interested in the RiSWP and SWAN communities to stick around.

5. Will I receive a certificate or letter of recommendation for taking part in the ambassador program?

Yes, the SWAN Forum can arrange a Certificate stating your leadership and you may add the 'RiSWP Ambassador' title to your LinkedIn page and/or email signature (also let us know if you would like to have access to the RiSWP logo). A letter of recommendation will be performance-based and can be arranged for the Ambassador after demonstrating leadership.

Connection with the SWAN Forum

1. Do I (or my company) have to be a member of the SWAN Forum to become an ambassador?



No, however this might change in the coming years as the community grows. For the moment, our goal is to grow the RiSWP network and to be as open and transparent as possible. If interested in Membership, contact the SWAN Forum team. However, we also understand that becoming a member and paying a fee is a barrier to some, so we will not require that at this time. The selection of Ambassadors is based on the applicant's enthusiasm to support the smart water young professional community.

2. Do I have to engage with SWAN Forum Members and/or Alliances?

You are not obliged to, but you are encouraged to engage with the SWAN Forum's events and activities to enrich your experience as an ambassador and gain meaningful insights and connections across the smart water sector. You should also work with the RiSWP Leadership Team to avoid hosting activities that contradict public SWAN events. We will provide updates on events and you can visit the [website](#) for more information.

3. What am I expected to know about the SWAN Forum as an ambassador?

Once you are selected as an ambassador, we will send you a welcome packet with all the information you need to know about SWAN and RiSWP community and our activities.

We also 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. We are currently working on further guidance about this topic.

4. Will my activities organised as an ambassador be featured on the SWAN Forum website?

Yes! Our goal is to disseminate all activities as much as possible and to support your outreach activities. You will have correspondence with a RiSWP Leadership Team member and with the SWAN Forum who will keep on top of the activities being organised by ambassadors and feature them accordingly on social media and the SWAN website. This will help avoid conflicts in dates between the Ambassadors and the SWAN Forum. If you are going to post on your personal social media, be sure to tag RiSWP and the SWAN Forum using the social media links below:

- SWAN Forum Official Twitter: [@SWAN_Forum](#)
- SWAN Americas Alliance Twitter: [@SWAN_Americas](#)
 - *Please note: RiSWP does not currently have a Twitter account*



- SWAN Forum LinkedIn [Official Company Page](#)
- [SWAN Forum](#) LinkedIn Group
- [RiSWP: Rising Smart Water Professionals](#) LinkedIn Group

Ambassador Program Logistics

- 1. Will the SWAN Forum provide funds to cover any expenses associated with hosting online or offline events?**

At this time the SWAN Forum will not cover RiSWP Ambassador programmatic expenses, however an Ambassador who is planning a community event may discuss funding with the SWAN Forum.

- 2. Is there a time limit for being an ambassador?**

Yes. We expect ambassadors to sign up for minimum 1 year, with a 2 year limit.

- 3. Can I drop out of the program if I change my mind along the way?**

We understand life sometimes gets in the way. If you decide to change course, please provide written communication to the RiSWP Leadership Team and SWAN Forum. . We want you to be an ambassador for the right reasons and within your capacity and interests, but we hope that you will keep in touch!