



UNESCO-IHE
Institute for Water Education

The **UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education** offers graduate education in Delft, The Netherlands, and carries out research and capacity building projects all over the world. The mission of UNESCO-IHE is to contribute to the education and training of professionals and to build the capacity of sector organizations, knowledge centres and other institutions active in the fields of water, the environment and infrastructure in developing countries and countries in transition.

UNESCO-IHE has a permanent staff of 180, of which 90 are scientific staff, while about 250 guest-lecturers from academia and industry contribute to the educational programme. Each year 750 participants (incl. about 200 new MSc students per year) from all over the world attend the various regular and short courses at UNESCO-IHE. The Institute has an international staff & student community with English as working language

The **Department of Integrated Water Systems and Governance** provides post-graduate education and training in the area of water management. In addition the Department carries out research and supports the development of education and research capacity in universities and other knowledge centres in the developing world.

Within this Department, the Water Services Management Group (WSM) focuses on management and governance of water supply and sanitation provisioning, particularly in developing countries. Water Services Management covers the management and governance of the processes and activities that provide water supply and sanitation services for domestic or industrial users. The niche of the WSM group is that it operates between and connects the domains of academia and the practitioners/policy makers in the field of water services. The group underscores the importance of tools and practices geared towards solving water supply and sanitation challenges. At the same time the group critically studies these tools/practices and engages with academics and practitioners with the aim of better understanding the working and impacts of different solutions. The WSM Group has the following vacancy:

(Senior) Lecturer Water Services Management (m/f) - 1.0 FTE

By anchoring its research in detailed observations and understandings of how water services management is actually done, the Water Service Management Group has a distinct approach to engage with wider policy debates about how to best organize and manage the supply of water services in cities in the South, and to deal with larger questions about balancing health and equity with sustainability and ecological integrity. The group defines water services provisioning as encompassing social, technological, financial and organizational dimensions which are strongly interdependent. The core of its work is formed by the characterization and comparison of different (mixes of) water service provisioning modalities in terms of these interconnected dimensions.

As a new staff member of this interdisciplinary group you will be engaged in further developing the group's unique approach to studying the behavior of water and sanitation providers. You will also be expected to translate research outputs and new analytical insights into educational and training activities. This work will be done in cooperation with colleagues at UNESCO-IHE and partner institutes.

Responsibilities

- Contribute to the development and implementation of a thematic research line in the field of water services management;
- Identify funding opportunities and acquiring research projects;
- Lecture and coordinate courses in the Water Management MSc programme related to water services management;
- Co-supervise MSc, PhD and Post-doc research;
- Acquire and contribute to international capacity development, advisory and other projects.

Requirements

The candidate:

- has recently obtained a PhD degree and has a demonstrable interest in and experience related to water services management.
- has a keen interest in interdisciplinary research;
- is motivated to work in a multidisciplinary and multicultural environment;
- is fluent in English, and preferably also in Spanish and/or French;
- has affinity with, and preferably working experience in, developing countries and/or countries in transition.

Terms of employment

This position is, in principle, a permanent one. Following 2 consecutive temporary contracts, candidates will be considered for a permanent contract after 2 years. The position is based in Delft, The Netherlands. A competitive salary (grade 10/11) is offered depending on qualifications and experience in accordance with the conditions of employment for Dutch Universities. The appointment implies entry into the Netherlands' Civil Service Pension Fund (ABP). Candidates are to be prepared to carry out long- and short-term missions abroad. A Dutch work permit is required.

Information and application

Additional information can be obtained from Dr. Klaas Schwartz, Head of the Water Services Management Group (k.schwartz@unesco-ihe.org).

Applications (in English), should respond specifically to the requirements, and can be sent until **September 15, 2016 (closing date)** including curriculum vitae, statement of teaching and research interests, motivation letter and the names and contact details of two contactable referees (*as one PDF file with your family name as the filename*), to UNESCO-IHE, attn. Human Resource Management (E: vacancies@unesco-ihe.org), stating vacancy-number **16-IWSG-09**.

Reactions from staffing agencies and other 3rd parties are not appreciated.