

Capacity Building of Young Researchers from Central Asia and Afghanistan in Water Policy Studies

OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe (POiD) in cooperation with the OSCE Academy in Bishkek anticipates organizing the 4th Capacity Building Workshop for young researchers in Water Policy Studies, which aims to develop a "critical intellectual mass" of researchers and professionals in the region. POiD will organize a 6-day scientific writing course with focus on water resources management and governance issues for the most talented researchers and academics from Central Asia and Afghanistan. The training course will take place at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on 22-27 March 2020, followed by a two-month mentorship program in which selected candidates will be guided to writing up their research for publication. OSCE POiD will cover the travel costs (from within Central Asia and Afghanistan) and provide per diem for the course participants.

Aim

The aim of the training course is the enhancement of the scientific community in Central Asia and Afghanistan in the writing up of research for policy articles related to water resources research, management and governance issues of the region. As immediate result of the training, it is aimed that the participating researchers and academics publish their existing research in a Special Issue of the Central Asian Journal of Water Research (<https://www.water-ca.org/>). In the long run, it is anticipated that the participants contribute to the regional water cooperation and establishing sustainable transboundary water polices.

Target group

The training course is intended for Central Asia and Afghanistan PhD students (докторант, аспирант), PhD fellows (соискатели на аспирантуру, докторантуру), post-doctoral fellows, assistant professors and associate professors who conduct their research in water related issues and have a strong command of English language.

Eligibility

Applicants should:

- Be officially enrolled or graduated from a Master or PhD program (аспирантура, докторантура), post-doctoral fellowship or serve as assistant professor / associate professor in any accredited university of Central Asia and Afghanistan;
- Have a strong background in development studies, policy and law science, international studies, economics, engineering, environmental sciences and agronomy or related fields while their research should focus on one of the following topics: 1) water resources governance and policy at various—international, national, sub-national and local user—levels; 2) hydrology and water resources management; 3) drainage and irrigation; 4) climate change studies and disaster risk reduction.

- Have a good command of English;
- Have conducted their research and have started the writing-up process.

Application package

- CV in English with indication of 2 referees (maximum 3 pages);
- Motivation letter in English (maximum 1 page);
- Summary of their conducted research work in English, structured in: Introduction, Material and Methods, Results and Discussion (maximum 2 pages);
- One published or submitted research article in journal or conference in English or Russian (optional).

Deadline

Deadline for submission of the documents is **January 10, 2020 until 17:00**. Semifinalists will be interviewed either in person (Tajik participants) or via teleconference facilities (other participants).

How to apply

Application package as one PDF file should be sent electronically to Ms. Tahmina Jumabaeva (Tahmina.Jumabaeva@osce.org).