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Call for Applications: IWRM Exchange Semester at TH Köln (Winter Semester 2026)

 Application Deadline: 15 February 2026

The iWater Project is pleased to announce the call for applications for registered students of the IWRM Master's Program at Ain Shams University to join the 3rd semester at TH Köln (Germany) under the IWRM exchange program supported by the DAAD.

Only students currently enrolled in the IWRM Master's Program at Ain Shams University are eligible to apply.

Foreign students enrolled in the IWRM Master's Program at Ain Shams University are welcome to apply for the exchange at their own cost.

This is a full scholarship covering the IWRM Master Program tuition, accommodation, flights, and registration fees.

1. General Eligibility

The Master's Program in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) is a transdisciplinary graduate program addressing the complex and interconnected challenges of water resource management in a sustainable and integrated manner.

Applicants from various academic backgrounds related to water—such as engineering, natural sciences, environmental sciences, agriculture, geography, economics, or related fields—are welcome to apply.

Eligibility requirements:

- Bachelor's degree (BSc or BA) relevant to water resources management.
 - For DAAD scholarship consideration, minimum average grade 3.0 (German grading system).
 - Current enrollment in the IWRM Master's Program at Ain Shams University.
 - Scholarship recipients must commit to completing the IWRM Master's degree at Ain Shams University after the exchange period.
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2. Academic Requirements

- **Proof of registration in the IWRM Master Program.**
 - **Proof of successful completion of previous semesters (grades of the last semesters).**
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3. English Language Proficiency

Applicants must provide valid English language proof (not older than 5 years):

- **TOEFL iBT: minimum 79 points (including TOEFL iBT Home Edition)**
 - **IELTS Academic: minimum Band 6.0 (including IELTS Indicator)**
 - **Cambridge ESOL: FCE**
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4. Motivation Letter (max. 500 words, in English)

The letter must include:

- **One-sentence personal understanding of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)**
 - **Motivation to apply for the joint exchange program**
 - **Connection to previous education or experience**
 - **Relevance to future aspirations and career goals**
 - **Three expected benefits from the program**
 - **Three contributions you can bring to the program**
 - **Five personal characteristics or arguments why you should be selected**
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5. Research Proposal

- **A research proposal is required, as the 3rd semester includes a module on Master Thesis Preparation.**
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6. Optional Criterion:

- Experience in the field of IWRM is highly desirable and will enhance eligibility.
 - Attendance in the IWRM Master Program in-person is highly valuable.
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7. Required Documents (in order)

Applicants must submit the following documents in order as one single PDF file (max. 20 MB):

1. Curriculum Vitae (CV) — Europass format, reverse chronological, no gaps.
 2. Motivation Letter — as described above.
 3. Research Proposal — as required in the 3rd semester.
 4. Letter of Recommendation — from employer or professor, with letterhead, signature, and date.
 5. Proof of English Proficiency — TOEFL iBT ≥ 79 or IELTS ≥ 6.0 .
 6. Copies of Higher Education Degree Certificates — certified translations if needed.
 7. Official Academic Transcripts — complete set; include grades of the last semesters in the IWRM Master Program.
 8. Proof of Registration in the IWRM Master Program.
 9. Optional: Certificates or proof of practical/work experience in the IWRM field.
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8. Application Period & Process

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How to Apply (2 Steps):

1. Fill out the online application form:
 <https://forms.office.com/r/j3fVt6Ji5b>
2. Send all required documents as one single PDF file to:
 iwater.exchange@outlook.com
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IWRM EGYPT_LastName_FirstName.pdf

Example: IWRM EGYPT_Helmy_Ahmed.pdf

⚠ Applications that are incomplete, non-compliant, or submitted after the deadline will not be considered.