Online and Virtual: New for 2020-2021

Water Without Borders
Joint Diploma Program

By United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health and McMaster University

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Water Without Borders (WWB) is a collaborative program between McMaster University and the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH). The primary goal of WWB is to introduce graduate students to the advanced training and research needed by professionals in the field of water-health, broadly defined, to fill a growing global societal need for science, service, policy and practice, around the fundamental human issue of maintaining water security and water resources now and in the future.

**Vision and Mission**

We recognize the challenges of both the global pandemic of COVID-19 in 2020, and of the struggles for global water justice that have been affected by it. Issues of provision, access, quality, equity, conflict, distribution, change, governance, and environmental integrity – are all of crucial importance to studying and responding to the water problematique.

This means that highly qualified personnel, from a range of disciplines (including those belonging to natural sciences, humanities, social sciences and health), are required to work together in understanding and addressing the emerging global water crisis.

Water issues at all scales are transdisciplinary and WWB offers a distinctive program opportunity to develop transdisciplinary skills, featuring international experience, and engagement with water professionals, at the interface of water policy and research.

**The New Version**

We have adjusted our program to both respond to current health concerns, and to meet the expectations of truly global insight into water challenges by adjusting our online course design and delivery accordingly: while experiential learning about Sustainable Development Goals and international water security remains central to our program for 2020-2021, online and virtual program delivery strategies meet the WWB goals for the incoming cohort. These will allow WWB Program Students to obtain authentic immersive experience in international water policy and program activities, without the potential risks of international travel or in person meetings in the coming academic year.
McMaster University graduate students who will be enrolled full-time or part-time through the end of August 2021 are eligible for the program. The program culminates in a diploma from UNU-INWEH and recognition of completion from McMaster University.

More information is available at: https://inweh.unu.edu/water-without-borders/. The deadline for applications for the WWB Joint Diploma for 2020-2021 is now extended to June 16, 2020.

To apply, please click here.

Please note that the McMaster Board of Governors levied a Tuition Fee of $1050.00 (total costs for 2020-2021) for the WWB Joint Diploma at its meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2020. The application fee is waived.

The application process is straightforward, but if you need assistance with the application, please contact Leigh-Ann Sepe (wwbsec@mcmaster.ca).

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