

Call for applicants: short courses

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The GEMS/Water team would like to invite members of our National Focal Points to apply for the short courses we will be offering early next year. We are in the process of registering interested participants in two online courses:

- Freshwater Monitoring Programme Design (<https://www.ucc.ie/en/cpd/options/science/ev6012/>)
- Data Handling, Assessment & Presentation for Freshwater Quality Monitoring (<https://www.ucc.ie/en/cpd/options/science/ev6014/>).

The short courses are delivered by our Capacity Development Centre at University College Cork (UCC). The next round of courses will start in January so the registration for the course would need to be done by mid-December. As the courses are offered through a university, the participation requires the fulfillment of certain academic/professional and language requirements:

A BSc in Environmental Science or similar subject; or a relevant professional qualification; or a portfolio of work and experience in the area of water quality monitoring. Candidates who do not hold a BSc will be judged on a case-by-case basis as to their suitability for the programme, subject to the approval of the college of Science, Engineering and Food Science. Candidates, for whom English is not their primary language, should possess an IELTS of 6.5 (or TOEFL equivalent) with no less than 6.0 in each individual category.

Kindly be aware that participating in both online courses will require a time investment of approximately **4 hours** per week.

We are exploring options of how to loosen the language requirement slightly for our partners from non-English speaking countries but right now we need to comply with UCC's rules.

If you have candidates working within your country's National Focal Point Organization who fulfill the requirements and are working as technical practitioners on water quality monitoring and data management, we would like to invite you to send us their CVs with a short description of current tasks of these candidates and the filled-out registration form. We cannot guarantee a place for everyone but will try to accommodate as many as possible after reviewing the nominations.

Please don't hesitate to contact us in case you have any questions.

Best regards,

GEMS/Water Team

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