



**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
AT BLUE PEACE MIDDLE EAST**
WEFE NEXUS APPROACH TO
TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

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CALL FOR APPLICATION:

Join the Blue Peace ME Youth Fellowship Programme!!

Are you interested in **water, regional cooperation, and sustainable development in the Middle East?**

- Are you below the age of 30?
- Are you a recent graduate, with a Bachelor's degree?
- Are you a national of Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria or Türkiye?

Then read on, and Find out more about the
Blue Peace Middle East Youth Fellowship!

The Blue Peace ME Youth Fellowship Programme (YFP) brings together recent graduates and young professionals from the Middle East and provides them with an opportunity to learn about **transboundary water cooperation** and the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem (**WEFE**) **Nexus** as a tool for cooperation and sustainable development in the region.

During the five-month fellowship from February to June 2024, you will be based in **Amman, Jordan**, where you will be hosted at the offices of **INWRDAM**. You will team up with the five other Blue Peace ME fellows from Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Türkiye, to work on a joint research project around the shared Yarmouk River Basin and how the WEFE Nexus approach could foster transboundary cooperation across various sectors in the basin.



Besides field visits to the Yarmouk River Basin, you will also have the opportunity to engage **directly with researchers** involved in the Yarmouk Hydro–Political Baseline study and leading experts working on the development of the WEF E Nexus approach in cross–border contexts. You will also follow several short courses, including one on **Water Negotiations and Mediation** at the **Water Diplomacy Center** at **Jordan University for Science and Technology**.

Our Blue Peace ME media partners will also provide you with tailor–made **Science Communication training**, with a focus on clear communication of complex scientific concepts and the language of water diplomacy. This will teach you how to discuss sensitive themes like water and shared resources with different stakeholders.

Building on the Yarmouk Futures project, the fellows will be tasked with expanding the Yarmouk Hydro–political Baseline study with a WEF E Nexus approach by identifying new potential WEF E related benefits and assessing **the potential for WEF E cooperation in the Yarmouk River Basin**.

By joining this fellowship, you will become part of the Blue Peace ME community and get an in–depth understanding of our vision of promoting cooperation as a necessary tool for sustainable development, peace, and stability in the region. You will also act as a **Blue Peace ME Youth Ambassador** and will be offered networking opportunities with regional peers, as well as capacity building on topics such as transboundary water cooperation, water diplomacy, and the WEF E Nexus.



If you are passionate about water and are interested in learning about transboundary water cooperation with Blue Peace ME, apply by **sending a resume and a cover letter** to: info@bluepeaceme.org mentioning 'Application to BPME fellowship – YOUR NAME' in the subject. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for an interview.

About Blue Peace Middle East:

Blue Peace Middle East is a non-governmental regional initiative that aims to strengthen cooperation over water across borders, sectors, and generations. Working with senior water experts, academics, politicians, and journalists among others, the initiative is dedicated to improving the region's water, food, and energy security and preserving ecosystems in a changing climate. As a regionally owned dialogue platform, it has made it its mission to transform water from a potential source of conflict into an instrument for cooperation and peace.

Visit our website www.bluepeacemiddleeast.org for more information.

Please carefully read the eligibility criteria and conditions before applying.



ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be:

- From one of the Blue Peace ME (affiliated) countries: Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria or Türkiye. Applications are limited to nationals from these countries.
- Graduated with a Bachelor's degree
- **Freshly graduated or a young professional** with 1-2 years of work experience maximum
- Below the age of 30
- Strongly motivated to work on regional, transboundary themes in a multicultural and gender-balanced team
- Committed to the mission and vision of Blue Peace ME, willing to dedicate time and effort to act as Blue Peace ME Youth Ambassadors during and after the completion of the fellowship.
- A member of a regional youth and/or water network
- Willing and able to travel to and stay in Jordan for the duration of the fellowship.
- Able to communicate in (written and spoken) English.



CONDITIONS

- The fellowship will take place from **1st February 2024 until 30 June 2024**.
- The fellowship is organized by the Blue Peace ME Coordination Office, which is hosted by INWRDAM, an intergovernmental organization based in Amman, Jordan.
- The fellowship is an **unpaid full-time position**.
- Blue Peace ME is however happy to support fellows by offering a return flight ticket from the candidate's country of residence to Amman and will provide fellows with a private room in shared apartments for the duration of the fellowship.
- Fellows will be expected to come to INWRDAM's office during working hours on weekdays from Sunday to Thursday working days. Occasional online participation can be discussed in exceptional circumstances.

