



**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 May to July 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.

The fellowship program's structure offers a blend of academic learning, cultural immersion, and interactive activities. Besides field visits to the Yarmouk River Basin, you will also have the opportunity to be mentored and engage directly with researchers involved in the Yarmouk Hydro-Political Baseline study and leading experts working on the development of the WEFE Nexus approach in cross-border contexts. You will also follow several short courses including Climate Change Impact on Water Resources, WEFE Fundamentals, System Thinking in Transboundary Basins, Ecosystems Preservation and Biodiversity Conservation, Proposals Development, and International Water Law **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.

Fellows will be given the opportunity to select (upon unanimous voting) the programme end task, by either expanding the Yarmouk Hydro-political Baseline study with a WEFE Nexus approach by identifying new potential WEFE related benefits and assessing the potential for WEFE cooperation in the YarmoukRiver Basin building on the Yarmouk Futures project or developing a regional project proposal for potential WEFE cooperation in Blue Peace ME countries transboundary basins.

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 WEFE 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](mailto: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](http://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.
- English Language Requirement: A working knowledge of English is an important prerequisite for participation in the program for general communication purposes. All materials must be submitted in English.

**Selection Process:** A selection committee will shortlist the suitable candidates. The selected candidates will be called for an online interview.

## CONDITIONS

- 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 will take place in a **Hybrid** format from **1st March 2024 until 31 July 2024**, where online participation is expected from **1st March until 10th April**, and **in-person** at INWRDAM's office during working hours on weekdays from Sunday to Thursday from **25th April until 31st July**.
- Visa Issues: Prior to arrival in Jordan between **22-24th April 2024**, fellows who are neither citizens nor permanent residents of Jordan will be secured with a visitor visa.
- Blue Peace ME will support fellows by offering a **basic monthly cost-of-living stipend**, basic **health insurance**, **accommodation** (single rooms), and **roundtrip** travel to and from Amman.
- Blue Peace ME will provide fellows with a **fully equipped office, laptops, internet, and access to books, journals, reports, relevant publications, and local libraries as needed**.
- **Collection of Certificate:** All youth fellowship program participants have to complete the stated duration to be certified as a Blue Peace ME Youth Ambassador, and be able to maintain the required fellowship time frame virtually and in person. Participants will collect the certificate after the programme completion.
- The fellowship award of Blue Peace ME is for a fixed tenure of 5 months and does not imply any assurance or guarantee for subsequent employment at Blue Peace ME.