**Rising Stars Programme 2026: Application Form**

Please visit the [**IWater Rising Stars webpage**](https://instituteofwater.org.uk/rising-stars/) for information on the programme.

**Terms and Conditions**

1. There are 8 places available on the programme, with one place allocated to each IWater Area: Eastern, Midlands, Northern, Northern Ireland, Scotland, South East, South West, and Wales.
2. The programme runs through the calendar year from January through December
3. You must be an individual member of the Institute of Water at the time of applying but cannot be a trial member.
4. You must be at an early stage in your water sector career. You may be in an academic or apprenticeship programme, but you must be in employment.
5. You must have the support and backing of your immediate line manager and ideally also your Chief Executive or Managing Director.
6. The Institute of Water makes no charge for admission to the ‘Rising Stars’ initiative but does require your employer to cover the costs of all travel and accommodation for events, visits and meetings. IWater will cover ticket costs for these specific events: IWater Annual Conference and Social Evening, as well as the Utility Week Live Awards Dinner.
7. The deadline for applications is **23:59 on November 2nd 2025.**

[ ]  **I have read and agree to the above Terms and Conditions**

Please complete this form and send it with your CV and 1000 words to [**info@instituteofwater.org.uk**](https://instituteofwater.sharepoint.com/sites/Shared/Shared%20Documents/Rising%20Stars%20Programme/2026/info%40instituteofwater.org.uk)

**I wish to apply to become an IWater Rising Star in 2025**

**Name:** **Title:**

**Phone:** **Email:**

**Please confirm your IWater Area:**  Choose your Area

**Have obtained consent from your relevant manager to apply for the Rising Stars programme?** Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**Your Employing Company:**

**Your Line Manager:**
**Phone:** **Email:**

**You must include your CV and 1000 words maximum outlining why you consider yourself to be a Rising Star with your application.**

**You should include:**

* A short overview of your career so far
* Why you feel you should be considered a Rising Star
* What development benefits you feel the programme will bring you
* Where you see yourself two years from now

**How did you hear about Rising Stars?**

[ ]  **IWater Magazine**[ ]  **IWater Website**

[ ]  **IWater Social Media**

[ ]  **IWater Email**[ ]  **From a member of IWater**

[ ]  **IWater Area Committee Member**

[ ]  **Line manager, colleague or employer**[ ]  **Other (Please state below)**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**An overview of the selection process:**

* All applications will be reviewed against set criteria
* IWater Area Committees will select a small number to invite for an interview
* Applicants will be informed of the decision and will receive feedback on their application.

**If you have any questions about this application form or the Rising Stars programme, please call us on 0191 422 0088 or email** **info@instituteofwater.org.uk**