

Early Career Researchers' (ECR) Sustainability Training School (STS) 2.0

The Early Career Researcher Sustainability Training School – [Global \(ECR STS Global\) 2.0](#) will be held on **15-19 April 2024 at the University of Warwick, the Scarman Conference Centre**. The Training School builds on its last year's success - [ECR STS 1.0](#) held in June 2023.

Set as a key goal for the [Institute for Sustainable Development](#) (IGSD), it pursues the objective of growing transformational and transdisciplinary research culture at Warwick, to build a platform for enhancing research, impact and networking, for innovative skills training and collaborative research environment – thus, ultimately, investing into a new generation of enthusiastic researchers with transdisciplinary skills tackle existing and emerging challenges of sustainable development.

PROGRAMME AND PARTICIPATION

The theme of the ECR STS 2.0 is '**Water Security and Resilience**', and it directly addresses a wide spectrum of challenges urban and regional communities are phasing across the Global South and the Global North. We are looking for contributions that would explore conceptual approaches, tools, models, and case-studies that would focus one or more of the following topics:

- Inequalities related to water security.
- Water for ecosystems and environmental management.
- Water, sanitation, and health (WASH) challenges across the Global South.
- Water-related hazards (i.e. pluvial and fluvial flooding, flash flooding etc).
- Place-based ideas to enhance the resilience of communities in the Global South & North.
- Climate change and the impact on water security and environmental ecosystems.
- Urban and regional adaptation to climate change, with a focus on water security.
- Monitoring and evaluation of climate change adaptation actions.

To this end, we invite **interdisciplinary ECRs** (PhD students & postdoctoral researchers) to join us for a five-day intense School focusing on exchange and co-production of knowledge, skills training, and network-building, to enable us to tackle these global challenges together. The ECR STS will offer an in-depth discussion around the submitted creative projects, to be complemented by skills training sessions, study visits, keynote talks, roundtables, groupwork and other social activities.

We are inviting prospective participants to submit an extended abstract of their research (max 1,000 words) and a brief cover letter to igsd@warwick.ac.uk by **5 January 2024**. If selected, participants will be asked to prepare a 10-minute presentation for the STS. Successful candidates will be notified by the end of January and invited to attend a presentation training pre-session in advance of the STS commencement. Accommodation, subsistence and training costs regarding STS will be covered for all participants by the organisers.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Places are limited, with a maximum of 20 participants, and the selection will be based on the following (but not limited to) criteria for the selection of top candidates:

- Abstract suitability to the Call's theme.
- Interdisciplinary background of the participant.
- Strong motivation cover letter to explain how the participation would support/ relate to the applicants' study and research.
- A high command of English, and be at an advanced level of research.
- Gender balance will also be taken into consideration during the selection process.