

2024 STEMpath Preliminary Schedule of Events

Program content designed to engage and inspire

The WEF InFLOW program is designed to introduce scholars to opportunities in the water sector and help them foster a network within the water community. The 2024 program is a combination of virtual activities to introduce scholars to the water sector and in-person events at WEFTEC 2024 in New Orleans, Louisiana. **If you cannot join live, please email inflow@wef.org in advance to let us know.**

Date	Event Name & Description
STEMpath Application Process	
Tuesday, January 16	STEMpath Application Opens
Thursday, February 8 3pm-4pm ET Zoom	Info Session on STEMpath Program Sign up for free to join live or access the recording https://rb.gy/kp0o3o
Tuesday, February 27 11:59pm Pacific	STEMpath Application Closes
Early April	Notifications sent out to all applicants
InFLOW STEMpath Virtual Activities (Pre-WEFTEC)	
<i>*All virtual activities be schedules in Eastern Time with no more than 1-2 activities per week.</i>	
Monday, September 2 7pm-8pm ET Zoom	InFLOW Orientation – Introduction to WEF and InFLOW Scholars will be introduced to WEF and be provided with an overview of this year’s dual WEF InFLOW STEMpath program and expectations. This session will also include an introduction to WEF’s Student & Young Professional activities as well as an opportunity to network and “meet” the 2024 InFLOW cohort.
Monday, September 9 7pm-8:00pm ET Zoom	Water 101 – Introduction to the Water Sector An interactive networking session with water professionals to introduce scholars to the different water focus areas and hot topics, including municipal water treatment, industrial water treatment, resource recovery, stormwater, intelligent water systems, and others.
Monday, September 16 7pm-8:00pm ET Zoom	Career Paths in the Sector Scholars will have the opportunity to meet and discuss the water sector with water professionals and learn about the different career paths and opportunities in the water industry.
Monday, September 23 7pm-8:00pm ET Zoom	Tips and Tricks of Networking & Getting a Job in Water Scholars will connect with corporate recruiters to learn about what they look for when hiring and how scholars can be prepared for a career in water.
Monday, September 30 7-8:00 pm ET Zoom	WEFTEC Orientation Orientation and overview of WEFTEC 2024 in New Orleans, Louisiana. This orientation will include an overview of InFLOW events and expectations while on-site.
TBD	Connect with your Water Leadership Institute Mentor -Networking Session (Optional) Introduction to the scholar’s assigned mentor from the WEF Water Leadership Institute (WLI) program. Scholars will be assigned a mentor based on location, interests, and expectations of a mentee-mentor relationship.

WEFTEC 2024 – New Orleans, Louisiana

Date	Event Name & Description
Saturday, October 5	Scholars arrive in New Orleans, and check into their assigned shared hotel room.
Saturday, October 5 2:00pm – 4:00pm Meet at Entrance	InFLOW Scholars Welcome & Onsite Orientation/Tour (Mandatory) Meet at the Convention Center to get to know your cohort, go over the plan, and learn where things are expectations
Sunday, October 6 9:00-10:30 am	Student Design Competition (Mandatory) Students from various universities and representing their local WEF member associations will present their design projects in both the wastewater and environmental topic areas. The design projects are generally based on work with partner utilities local to the university.
Sunday, October 6 10:30am-3:20pm Meet Bus Stop	Tour of a local Wastewater Facility (Mandatory) InFLOW Participants will take a tour of a local Wastewater Facility to learn how they treat wastewater and convert it into high quality water effluent. There will be opportunities to ask questions. Lunch Provided.
Sunday, October 6 3:30pm – 5:00pm Room tbd	Water Leadership Institute Graduation and Networking Event (Mandatory) Join the WLI to learn about all the ways to get involved with WEF, watch the graduation, meet your mentor, and network will alumni of the program.
Sunday, October 6 6:00pm – 7:00pm	InFLOW Scholars Welcome & In-Person Meet Up – Sponsored by Xylem (Mandatory) Scholars of both tracks will have an opportunity to meet one another and the WEF Staff prior to the start of WEFTEC. Complimentary food and drinks.
Monday, October 7, 2024 – Wednesday, October 9, 2024	<p><i>These activities will occur throughout WEFTEC and scholars are encouraged to complete these activities during their free time.</i></p> <p><u>Activity 1: Exhibitor Scavenger Hunt</u> Scholars will need to roam the Exhibit Floor to complete this scavenger hunt! It will introduce scholars to different types of companies, technologies, and sectors of the water industry.</p> <p><u>Activity 2: Attend Technical Sessions & Explore the Exhibit Floor</u> WEFTEC programming includes various technical sessions, mobile sessions, and pavilion presentations that offer a variety of ways to connect with the brightest minds in the water industry. The WEFTEC Exhibit Floor features more than 1000 exhibitors and allows scholars to learn what is innovative and new in water quality equipment, products, and services.</p> <p><u>Activity 3: Attend Various Evening Receptions</u> Scholars are encouraged to attend various evening receptions (if invited). These evening receptions are a great way to network with members from their local Member Associations and other organizations like Students and Young Professionals and the Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professionals (AEESP).</p>
Monday, October 7 8:00 AM – 9:45 AM	WEFTEC Opening General Session (Mandatory) InFLOW participants will attend the WEFTEC Opening General Session to hear the welcoming messages from WEF Leadership, as well as the keynote speaker. InFLOW participants will have VIP seating near the front of the auditorium.
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Monday, October 7 10:00 AM-11:00 AM Room tbd	Student Chapter Meeting (Optional) Network with other student chapters, share ideas, and learn how WEF can help as you begin your professional career from the Student Activities Community, a subcommunity of the WEF Students & Young Professionals Community (SYPC). We will also hear from the 2024 Student Chapter of the Year Award recipients.
Monday, October 7 11:15 AM-12:15 PM Room tbd	Students and Young Professional Community Meeting (Optional) Join us to learn more about WEF programs for students and young professionals. Young professionals, students, academics, mentors, and Member Association leaders are invited to attend this annual meeting at WEFTEC.
Monday, October 7 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your Own You will receive a lunch voucher to use at the convention center to use during this time.
Monday, October 7 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM Location tbd	Student & Young Professional Career Fair (Mandatory) Scholars can network with multiple companies for potential internship or employment opportunities and get a professional headshot taken. The WEFTEC Career Fair includes a diverse group of companies including municipalities, industrial manufacturers, equipment providers, and consulting firms.
Monday, October 7 Timing tbd Location tbd	Student and Young Professional Networking Event Details coming soon
Tuesday, October 8 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Journeys Through Water – Water Industry Giants Panel (Mandatory) Learn about working in water from several prominent leaders in the sector. These water industry leaders will share their journey in water and provide insight into how to succeed in the water industry.
Tuesday, October 8 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	InFLOW Closing Ceremony & Networking Event (Mandatory) Celebrate with your fellow InFLOW Scholars, sponsors, and those you have met throughout the InFLOW program at this closing session. During this session, each scholar will be recognized for completing the 2024 WEF InFLOW program. Lunch provided.
Tuesday, October 8 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Open Time at WEFTEC Scholars can roam the exhibit floor or attend technical sessions on their own.
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Wednesday, October 9	Scholars can roam the exhibit floor or attend technical sessions before departing New Orleans, LA