

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 2021 program is a combination of virtual activities to introduce scholars to the water sector and in-person events at WEFTEC 2021 in Chicago, Illinois.

We understand that there is still a lot of uncertainty around 2021 and the ability to travel, so please know that this schedule is **subject to change**.

Date	Event Name & Description
STEMpath Application Process	
April 30, 2021	STEMpath School Application Closes
May 2021	WEF will notify universities on whether they have been accepted into the 2021 InFLOW STEMpath cohort and number of scholars selected from each school.
August 2021	Accepted universities should submit a list of student scholars to WEF.
August 2021	WEF will send out welcome packets to participants, including a scholar agreement, that should be signed and returned.
InFLOW STEMpath Virtual Activities (Pre-WEFTEC)	
September 2021	InFLOW Orientation – Introduction to WEF and InFLOW Scholars will be introduced to WEF and be provided 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 2021 InFLOW cohort.
September 2021	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.
October 2021	Career Paths in the Water Sector Network with and learn from water professionals about the different career paths and opportunities in the water industry.
October 2021	Connect with your Water Leadership Institute Mentor 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.
Week of October 11, 2021	WEFTEC Orientation Orientation and overview of WEFTEC 2021 in Chicago, Illinois. This orientation will include an overview of InFLOW events, expectations while on-site, and words of advice from InFLOW alumni.

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WEFTEC 2021 – Chicago, IL	
Saturday, October 16, 2021	Scholars arrive in Chicago, Illinois and check into their assigned hotels.
Saturday, October 16, 2021	InFLOW Scholars Welcome & In-Person Orientation Scholars will meet one another and prepare for the upcoming week of WEFTEC events.
Sunday, October 17, 2021	<u>Activity 1</u> Student Design Competition (Optional Event) 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. https://www.wef.org/membership/students-and-young-professionals2/student-design/ <u>Activity 2</u> Tour of a local Water Resource Recovery Facility InFLOW Participants will take a tour of a local facility of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) to learn the ins and outs of how they treat wastewater and convert it into high quality water effluent.
Monday, October 18, 2021 – Wednesday, October 20, 2021	<i>These activities will occur throughout WEFTEC and scholars are encouraged to complete these activities during their free time.</i> <u>Activity 1</u> Exhibitor Scavenger Hunt 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. <u>Activity 2</u> Attend Technical Sessions & Explore the Exhibit Floor 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. <u>Activity 3</u> Attend Various Evening Receptions 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).
Monday, October 18, 2021	<u>Activity 1</u> WEFTEC Opening General Session 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 most likely have VIP seating near the front of the auditorium.

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	<p><u>Activity 2</u> How to Find 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.</p> <p><u>Activity 3</u> Student & Young Professional Career Fair Scholars can network with multiple companies for potential internship or employment opportunities. The WEFTEC Career Fair includes a diverse group of companies including municipalities, industrial manufacturers, equipment providers, and consulting firms.</p>
Tuesday, October 19, 2021	<p><u>Activity 1</u> Journeys Through Water – Water Leader/Industry Giants Panel 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.</p> <p><u>Activity 2</u> InFLOW Closing Ceremony & Networking Event 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 2021 WEF InFLOW program.</p>
Wednesday, October 20, 2021	Scholars can roam the exhibit floor or attend technical sessions before departing Chicago, IL.