

2023 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 2023 program is a combination of virtual activities to introduce scholars to the water sector and in-person events at WEFTEC 2023 in Chicago, Illinois.

Date	Event Name & Description
STEMpath Application Process	
March 9, 2023	STEMpath Information and Q&A Webinar
March 23, 2023	STEMpath School Application Closes
April 2023	WEF will notify universities whether they have been accepted into the 2023 InFLOW STEMpath cohort and number of scholars selected from each school.
April 13, 2023	Professor and School Orientation
June 1, 2023	Accepted universities should submit a list of student scholars to WEF.
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>	
September 2023	<p>Potential Session Topics and Activities Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • InFLOW Orientation – Introduction to WEF and InFLOW • Water 101 – Introduction to the Water Sector • Journey Through Water • Career Paths in the Water Sector • Tips and Tricks of Networking & Getting a Job in Water • Connecting with your Water Leadership Institute Mentor • WEFTEC Orientation
WEFTEC 2023 – Chicago, Illinois	
Saturday, September 30, 2023	Scholars arrive in Chicago, IL and check into their assigned shared hotel room..
Saturday, September 30, 2023	<p>InFLOW Scholars Welcome & In-Person Meet Up</p> <p>Scholars will meet one another and prepare for the upcoming week of WEFTEC events.</p>
Sunday, October 1, 2023	<p><u>Activity 1</u></p> <p>Student Design Competition</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Activity 2</u></p> <p>Tour of a local Water Resource Recovery Facility</p> <p>InFLOW Participants will take a tour of a local facility in Chicago, IL to learn the ins and outs of how they treat wastewater and convert it into high quality water effluent.</p>

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Monday, October 2, 2023 – Wednesday, October 4, 2023	<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 2, 2023	<p><u>Activity 1: WEFTEC Opening General Session</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Activity 2: Student & Young Professional Career Fair</u> 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> <p><u>Activity 3: WEF Student & Young Professionals Committee Meeting</u> Young professionals, students, academics, and member association leaders are invited to attend this meeting held annually at WEFTEC.</p>
Tuesday, October 3, 2023	<p><u>Activity 1: Journeys Through Water – Water Industry Giants Panel</u> 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: InFLOW Closing Ceremony & Networking Event</u> 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 2023 WEF InFLOW program.</p>
Wednesday, October 4, 2023	Scholars can roam the exhibit floor or attend technical sessions before departing Chicago, IL