

EXPLORE WATER CAREERS!

A strong network is important when exploring career options within any discipline, and the water sector is no exception.



The Water Environment Federation (WEF) has put together this quick guide to outline tips and resources you can use as you start to explore available networking opportunities within the water sector.

1 BUILD A NETWORK

Start networking by getting involved and attending events that allow you to connect with water professionals and companies that operate within the water quality space. Through WEF and its **Member Associations (MA)**, students can take advantage of networking opportunities at the local and national level.

Serving on a committee is another practical way to build your network. The **WEF Students and Young Professionals Committee (SYPC)** encourages a rich exchange of knowledge and fosters an atmosphere of mentorship between students and current water professionals.

As your network builds, you'll gain exposure to career options in every facet of the field from equipment manufacturing and operations, to engineering and research with both private and public organizations. Getting an early start as a student is a smart way to establish relationships with future employers and colleagues.

Over the past decade, emerging technologies within the sector have produced exciting career opportunities and pathways for new water professionals like you. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that environmental services jobs will experience a 12 percent growth rate from 2014 to 2024.

With continued state and local government concerns regarding water availability and quality, efforts to increase the efficiency of water use will likely continue to grow, enhancing careers in the water sector. How do you begin to navigate the landscape and narrow down which pathway might be right for you?



Whether you're a first-year college student or a soon-to-be graduate, having an action plan for achieving career success is key; and it's never too early to start!

For more information on how WEF can help you explore career opportunities in the water sector, visit our website at www.wef.org, and learn more about student membership benefits.