

# 2022 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 2022 program is a combination of virtual activities to introduce scholars to the water sector and in-person events at WEFTEC 2022 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Date	Event Name & Description
<b>STEMpath Application Process</b>	
March 23, 2022	STEMpath Information and Q&A Webinar
April 29, 2022	STEMpath School Application Closes
May 2022	WEF will notify universities whether they have been accepted into the 2022 InFLOW STEMpath cohort and number of scholars selected from each school.
July 2022	Professor and School Orientation
August 2022	Accepted universities should submit a list of student scholars to WEF.
<b>InFLOW STEMpath Virtual Activities (Pre-WEFTEC)</b>	
<i>*All virtual activities will occur in the evenings (Eastern time), with no more than 1-2 activities per week.</i>	
September 2022	<b>InFLOW Orientation – Introduction to WEF and InFLOW</b> 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 2022	<b>Water 101 – Introduction to the Water Sector</b> 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.
September 2022	<b>Career Paths in the Water Sector</b> Network with and learn from water professionals about the different career paths and opportunities in the water industry.
September 2022	<b>Tips and Tricks of Networking &amp; Getting a Job in Water</b> 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.
October 2022	<b>Connect with your Water Leadership Institute Mentor –Networking Session</b> 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.
October 2022	<b>WEFTEC Orientation</b> 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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<b>WEFTEC 2022 – New Orleans, Louisiana</b>	
Saturday, October 8, 2022	Scholars arrive in New Orleans, LA and check into their assigned hotels.
Saturday, October 8, 2022	<b>InFLOW Scholars Welcome &amp; In-Person Orientation</b> Scholars will meet one another and prepare for the upcoming week of WEFTEC events.
Sunday, October 9, 2022	<u>Activity 1</u> <b>Student Design Competition</b> 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.  <u>Activity 2</u> <b>Tour of a local Water Resource Recovery Facility</b> InFLOW Participants will take a tour of a local facility in New Orleans, LA to learn the ins and outs of how they treat wastewater and convert it into high quality water effluent.
Monday, October 10, 2022 – Wednesday, October 12, 2022	<i>These activities will occur throughout WEFTEC and scholars are encouraged to complete these activities during their free time.</i>  <u>Activity 1</u> <b>Exhibitor Scavenger Hunt</b> 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> <b>Attend Technical Sessions &amp; Explore the Exhibit Floor</b> 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> <b>Attend Various Evening Receptions</b> 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 10, 2022	<u>Activity 1</u> <b>WEFTEC Opening General Session</b> 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.  <u>Activity 2</u> <b>Student &amp; Young Professional Career Fair</b> Scholars can network with multiple companies for potential internship or employment opportunities. The WEFTEC Career Fair includes a diverse group of companies

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	including municipalities, industrial manufacturers, equipment providers, and consulting firms.
Tuesday, October 11, 2022	<p><u>Activity 1</u>  <b>Journeys Through Water – Water Leader/Industry Giants Panel</b>  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>  <b>InFLOW Closing Ceremony &amp; Networking Event</b>  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 12, 2022	Scholars can roam the exhibit floor or attend technical sessions before departing New Orleans, LA.