

WEF Young Professional Member Midyear Meeting Springboard Program

Program Goals:

Provide opportunities for Young Professionals to increase their active involvement in WEF's Committees.

Program Details:

The WEF Students and Young Professionals Committee (SYPC) develops, organizes, and conducts several regular programs that occur at WEFTEC and throughout the year. These programs drive innovation, enrich the expertise of YP members, and increase the awareness of the value of water. In addition, the program provides YP members with professional fulfillment, networking opportunities with top technical experts, and the ability to demonstrate leadership skills.

The WEF YP Member Midyear Meeting Springboard Program (Program) was developed to further increase opportunities for SYPC members to become involved in WEF, with particular emphasis on integration of YPs into the WEF technical committees. The 2020 WEF Midyear Meeting will be held in San Antonio, Texas from February 5 through 8, 2020 (<http://www.wef.org/midyear/>). The Midyear Meeting primarily provides an opportunity for key volunteer committees to meet face-to-face and develop programming for WEFTEC. The Midyear Meeting offers great opportunities for committee members to conduct working sessions, develop and review programs, attend a variety of technical committee meetings, and plan for WEFTEC. The committees that meet at the Midyear Meeting may include:

- Municipal Resource Recovery Design Committee
- Manufacturers and Representatives Committee
- Collection Systems Committee
- Industrial Wastewater Committee
- Stormwater & Watershed Management Committee
- Plant Operations & Maintenance Committee
- WEFTEC Program Committee

The Program will provide travel expense assistance for the selected YPs to attend the Midyear Meeting. Participation in the Program is defined in the following section.



Participation:

- Interested YPs should complete the attached application form and submit it to the SYPC Chair and carbon copy the SYPC Vice Chairs and the WEF SYPC Manager by 5:00pm Eastern Time on November 15, 2019.

WEF SYPC Chair	Vanessa Borkowski, Vanessa.Borkowski@stantec.com
WEF SYPC 1 st Vice Chair	Nashita Naureen, NaureenN@bv.com
WEF SYPC 2 nd Vice Chair	Pono Hanson, PHanson@BrwnCald.com
WEF SYPC Manager	Megan Livak, MLivak@wef.org

- Applicants will be reviewed by the SYPC Chair, Vice Chairs, and Past Chair. A recommended list of scholarship recipients will be submitted to the WEF Executive Director.
- Selection of Program Participants (Participants) will be based on several factors including, but not limited to:
 - Commitment to engage with and participate in the WEF SYPC;
 - Ability to attend WEF committee meetings at WEFTEC 2020;
 - Engagement with other WEF committee programs;
 - Diversity of “newer” and “seasoned” WEF YP members will be selected;
 - Previous participation; and
 - Diversity of industry representation and interests (e.g. operators, laboratory analysts).
- Participants are asked to attend one or more committee meetings at Midyear and encouraged to volunteer to participate in the Committee activities, e.g. be a direct point of contact to the SYPC for that committee for future opportunities.
- Participants will submit a brief written report of their involvement, which will be distributed to the SYPC Chair, Vice Chairs, and the WEF Executive Director.

2020 Midyear Meeting Details:

The 2020 Midyear Meetings will be held in San Antonio, Texas from February 5 through 8, 2020. The meetings will be held at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk (123 Losoya Street) in San Antonio, Texas.

Hotel reservations will be made by and billed directly to WEF; however, expenses for airfare and meals will need to be purchased by the Participant and submitted for reimbursement through a WEF expense report after the meeting. Itemized receipts shall be furnished for eligible expenses. Participants will share a room with at least one other Participant, allowing the Program to be offered to as many scholarships as possible. Lodging is not offered for local Participants. Efforts will be made to cover all expenses to and from the Midyear meeting. The benefits of attending the Midyear Meeting as a Participant will be offered to each YP for a maximum of two years. WEF provides these scholarships for YPs to increase engagement in WEF activities beyond SYPC. To support these efforts each participant will be asked to adhere to a Code of Conduct during the Program while representing the SYPC. Code of Conduct will be provided to applicants that are accepted to the Program. Agreement and compliance with the Code of Conduct is required for expenses to be reimbursed by WEF.

There will be a Welcome Meeting to kick-off the Program on February 5, 2020 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. It is strongly encouraged that Participants attend this meeting.



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Name: _____

Contact Information: (e-mail) _____ (phone) _____

Gender (for same gender room assignments): _____

Address: _____

Employer: _____

WEF Member Since: _____

SYPC Member Since: _____

Why are you passionate about the Student & Young Professionals Committee (SYPC)? (max 100 words)

What are your vision and goals for contributing to and improving the SYPC? (max 100 words)

Please explain your current and past involvement in WEF Committees and/or your local WEF Member Association: (max 300 words)



Please explain your career areas of interest: (max 100 words)

Please rank (1-3) your top 3 preferred WEF Committees in attendance at Midyear 2020:

- _____ Collection Systems Committee
- _____ Industrial Wastewater Committee
- _____ Manufacturers and Representatives Committee
- _____ Municipal Resource Recovery Design Committee
- _____ Plant Operations and Maintenance Committee
- _____ Stormwater and Watershed Management Committee
- _____ WEFTEC Program Committee

Please verify and complete the following:

- I verify my ability and commitment to participate in WEF Committee activities, and attend WEFTEC 2020 in New Orleans, LA.
- Estimated transportation costs (USD \$) to San Antonio, TX (to help with final budgeting): USD \$ _____
- Any other comments:

Budgeting is based upon sharing a room with at least one other Participant.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Employer: _____ Date: _____

Submit form to SYPC Chair and Carbon Copy SYPC Vice Chairs and WEF SYPC Manager as shown in the table on page 2 of this application by 5:00pm Eastern Time on November 15, 2019. Participants will be notified by November 29, 2019.

