A Collaborative Summer at UW-Oshkosh's ERIC Lab

Funded by the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin, the Enhanced River & Estuary Center (ERIC) Lab at UW-Oshkosh has been designed as an undergraduate research training hub where students can learn about aquatic ecosystems and develop foundational skills in water science.

Students work on projects to assess and protect water quality, explore the distribution of aquatic species, and evaluate the habitats of these species. The lab is located at Lake Michigan's Green Bay on the campus.

Parkside. Pictured are Eric Strauss, Robert Stelzer, Jake VanderZanden, Mike Carvan, students at UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, UW-La Crosse, UW Oshkosh and UW-Parkside. 

Freshwater 101 Planning Gets Underway

Faculty from five UW campuses met in July at the UW-Waukesha field station for a daylong retreat to plan Freshwater 101, a new course to be offered to students at UW-Madison this fall, and it will expand to UW Oshkosh, UW-Parkside, UW-La Crosse and UW-Oshkosh.

We are focusing on projects that will place students in the field and labs, connect them with employers, professionals, and UW faculty and staff, and ensure our students have a network of support.

In other news, at the request of our new Freshwater Science 101 course advisor, Dr. Tim Kortekaas, we are considering the possibility of including a one-day field trip to the harbor where students can participate in hands-on activities. — Ed Kuchta, Communications Hub Director

Communications Hub Supports Water Policy Network

The Center for Water Policy at the Wisconsin DNR and the Collaborative of Wisconsin, the Center for Water Policy are creating a communications hub that will support a network of water policy faculty, researchers and students across the UW System.

Collaborative's vision to life and an evaluation and metrics plan to measure programmatic outcomes and success.

To ensure the best use of these funds, our team has been working with the Joint Finance Committee confirmed that the Freshwater Collaborative will be receiving $5 million in this biennial budget. Hurray! We appreciate the hard work of the State Legislature and specifically the Joint Finance Committee to bring this funding to life.

Happy Fall!

Water Words from FCW’s Executive Director

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