Dear Friends and Partners,

Summer is officially here, and I hope each of you finds time to enjoy one or many of the thousands of lakes, rivers and streams in our beautiful state.

Here at the Freshwater Collaborative, we are wrapping up the current grant review process and look forward to funding awards in July.

Our review team has tough decisions with so many strong proposals that would support innovative new research for issues such as PFAS and phosphorus pollution, enhance student training and strengthen partnerships across the state.

A big thank you to the UW faculty and staff who submitted thoughtful— and highly collaborative— proposals that focus on addressing our 10 Grand Water Challenges and developing a talented workforce for Wisconsin. And a huge thank you for the continued bipartisan support from the State Legislature.

This summer, we would like to invite you to participate in the online Great Lakes Freshwater Symposium: PFAS, Public Health and Policy on June 29 (more info below), and stay tuned for information on an in-person partner and networking event that will be held in Fall.

Go Team!

Marissa Jablonski
Executive Director

Great Lakes Freshwater Symposium: PFAS, Public Health and Policy

Join water research colleagues from the United States and Canada for a free, online symposium, Thursday, June 29, noon to 1 p.m. (CT). Panelists will discuss PFAS, public health and the impact of the Supreme Court’s Clean Water decision. This event is sponsored by the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin, Great Lakes Higher Education Consortium and Council of the Great Lakes Region.

Register

Spotlight Stories

Undergrads Kick off Summer Research Throughout Wisconsin

More than 30 undergrads from across the country are getting hands-on experience in Wisconsin this summer. As part of the Freshwater@UW Summer Research Scholars Program, they will get mentoring and training from faculty and graduate students at six UW universities plus partners like the U.S. Geological Survey, the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve, Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary and Wisconsin Maritime Museum.

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Project Monitors Phosphorus Remediation Strategies; Trains Students for Workforce

Blue-green algae blooms are common in agricultural areas, and the Red Cedar Watershed in west-central Wisconsin is one of the most highly impacted watersheds in Wisconsin. A monitoring program, led by students and faculty at UW-Stout, is helping the City of Menomonie and Dunn County determine whether remediation strategies are working.

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Phosphorus Conference Report Now Available

The 2023 Phosphorus Conference Report summarizes key lessons from the statewide conference Phosphorus: Lessons from 10+ Years of Numeric Standards for Wisconsin’s Waters, co-hosted by the UW-Milwaukee Center for Water Policy. The report includes a phosphorus research agenda for the next decade, corresponding policy recommendations to reduce phosphorus pollution and improve water quality, and a bibliography of phosphorus research sources synthesized from the University of Wisconsin System and beyond.

Download Full Report

Events on the Horizon

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If you will be running a fall Freshwater Collaborative-funded course, field experience or research opportunity and would like us to promote it in upcoming newsletters and on our website, please email hjeter@uwm.edu with details.

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