



PNCWA WAVE PROGRAM

# LEADING THE FUTURE OF WATER

The WAVE Program engages students and emerging professionals from diverse backgrounds with the water industry through a series of skills building workshops and attendance of the PNCWA conference, with the goal of empowering participants to contribute to the future of water through creating a sense of belonging, developing skills and opportunities.



The program consists of a five-part workshop series followed by sponsored attendance of the PNCWA 2024 Annual Conference taking place in Boise, Idaho September 8-11, 2024. The five workshops focus on information related to the water/wastewater industry, networking, skills development, employment opportunities, and conference preparation with presentations from a variety of water professionals.

As a PNCWA WAVE participant, you will have a unique opportunity to learn from water and wastewater leaders across the Pacific Northwest, practice critical leadership and communication skills, and develop a strong network of peers and mentors.

## PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

Attend five 2-3 hour virtual skills workshops between January and September 2024.

Attend PNCWA conference in Boise, Idaho, September 8-11, 2024.

Prepare and deliver a presentation at the conference with the WAVE cohort.

## PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE

One Full Conference registration to attend PNCWA 2024.

Partial to full reimbursement of travel and lodging expenses for the conference.

Opportunities to network and build professional skills.

## APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Be enrolled full time in a two-year, four-year, or graduate degree program, OR, have no more than two years of professional experience in the water industry.

Reside in Washington, Oregon or Idaho.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications may be submitted by potential WAVE participants, or be nominated by peer.

Deadline to apply: December 1st, 2023.

Applicants will be notified: December 16th, 2023.

Workshops begin January 2024.

For questions or comments, please reach out to Asa Reyes-Chavez at [PNCWAwave@gmail.com](mailto:PNCWAwave@gmail.com).

Visit <https://www.pncwa.org/WAVEprogram> for more information.

**About PNCWA:** The Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association (PNCWA) is the preeminent state association dedicated to education, dissemination of technical and scientific information, increased public understanding, and promotion of sound public laws and programs in the water resources and related environmental fields in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Our membership includes environmental, civil and chemical engineers, educators, biologists, chemists, government officials, treatment plant managers and operators, laboratory analysts, equipment manufacturers and distributors, and students and young professionals involved in wastewater collection and treatment, stormwater management, and related fields.