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## WEEKLY WAVE

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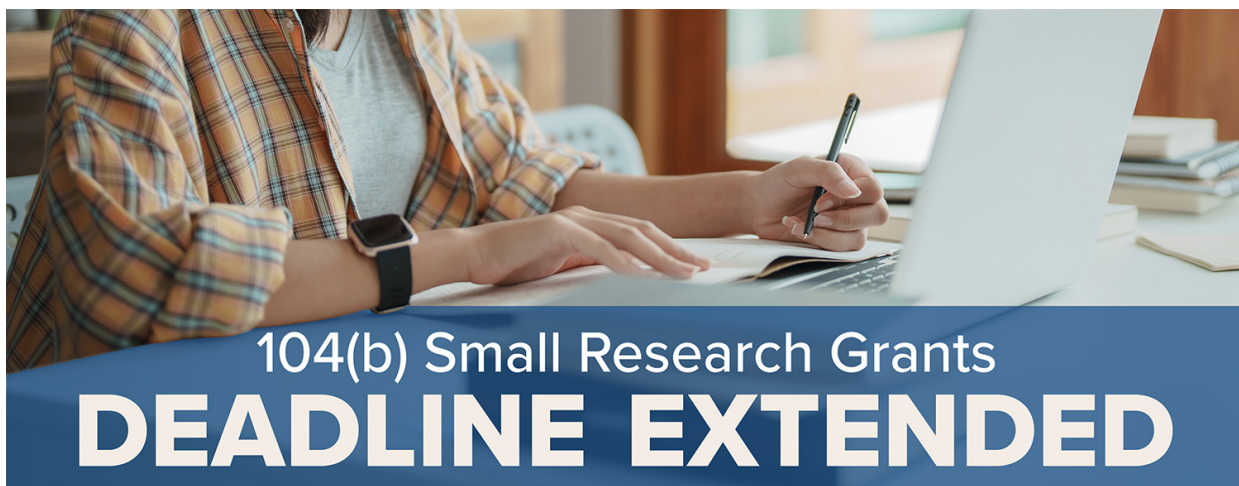
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## News



### 104(b) Small Research Grants: Deadline Extended and Award Amount Increased

For the upcoming cycle, the WRRC expects to receive an increase in funding for small research grants from the US Geological Survey (USGS) through the federal Water Resources Research Act (WRRRA) section 104(b) program. With this additional funding, the WRRC is pleased to consider proposals for **up to \$15,000** in federal funds.

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## WRRC Internship Application Period Ending

Monday, **March 9**, is the last day to apply for two internships offered by the WRRC. Both are open to current undergraduate and graduate students who will be enrolled at the U of A in the Fall 2026 semester.

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## WRRC Conference Invites Audience Participation and Community Voices

As part of the discussion on water use in industrial sectors, the WRRC 2026 Conference program will provide opportunities for attendees and community members to share their perspectives on these topics. Following the overview of the technology, mining, and energy sectors on Day 1, *Session 2: Audience Reflections* will provide in-person attendees the opportunity to voice their comments and questions.

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## Highlights from the NIWR Annual Meeting

At the end of February, WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal and Associate Director Jamie McEvoy traveled to Washington DC to attend the annual meeting of the National Institutes of Water Resources (NIWR). The meeting provided an opportunity for an update from the US Geological Survey (USGS) on the 104(b) and 104(g) grant programs, including the good news that funding for the 104(b) small research grants is expected to increase in the coming year.

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**Events**



## Running on Empty: Facing Water Scarcity Across the Southwest – Session 3: Water Issues in Our Community

*Featuring Chairman Austin Nunez, San Xavier District, Tohono O'odham Nation*

**Date:** March 10, 2026

**Time:** 6:00–7:30 pm MST/Arizona Time

**Location:** Kol Ami Synagogue (225 N Country Club Rd, Tucson, AZ) & [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)



## ENVS Spring 2026 Colloquium – Poisoning the Well: How Forever Chemicals Contaminated America – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event

*Featuring Sharon Udasin, Environmental Journalist and Author*

**Date:** March 16, 2026

**Time:** 3:00–4:00 pm MST/Arizona Time

**Location:** ENR2 Room S225 (1064 E. Lowell Street, Tucson, AZ) & [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)

### WRRRC Upcoming and Co-sponsored Events

**WRRRC 2026** ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**WATER FOR TECH,  
MINING & ENERGY**

PATHWAYS TO ARIZONA'S FUTURE

**APRIL 14–15**

University of Arizona  
Student Union  
Tucson, Arizona

**More Info Here!**



[wrrc.arizona.edu/conference](http://wrrc.arizona.edu/conference)

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[MDPI World Water Day Webinar 2026: Water for All People – Governance, Security, and Access \(9:00 am MST\) – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event](#)

Mar  
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[WRRRC Water Webinar: Delivering Reliable Water for Arizona Communities — EPCOR's Water Resources Plan](#)

Mar  
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[NVIS Spring 2026 Seminar: Creating a Mindful Science: Through Indigenous Eyes – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event](#)

Apr  
14–15

[WRRRC 2026 Annual Conference: Water for Tech, Mining & Energy: Pathways to Arizona's Future](#)

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[NVIS Spring 2026 Seminar Featuring Conservation Scientist Hector Ortiz Cano, Chicago Botanic Garden – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event](#)

## Water News

- [Arizona: Leading the Way in Conservation and Smart Water Management \(Know Your Water News\)](#)
- [AZ Water Leaders Push Back on 'Unacceptable' Draft of Federal Plans for Managing Colorado River \(KJZZ\)](#)
- [Rainwater Fills Most of These Arizonans' Household Needs. Here's How \(Arizona Republic\)](#)
- [CAP Submits Lengthy Comments to the Federal Government \(Know Your Water News\)](#)
- [Nominations Open for AWRA's David R. Maidment Award for Exemplary Contributions to Water Resources Data](#)
- [Preparing for Much Less Colorado River Includes Wise Legislation \(AMWUA Blog\)](#)



**NATIONAL  
GROUNDWATER  
AWARENESS WEEK**  
March 8-14, 2026

# Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

## **2026 WRRC Summer Arroyo Internship – Last Chance to Apply!**

The WRRC is offering a paid summer internship to an enrolled U of A undergraduate or graduate student to contribute to the creation of an issue of *Arroyo*, the annual WRRC publication that focuses on a critical Arizona water issue. This internship provides an opportunity to gain experience researching and writing about water issues. It is made possible by the generosity of Gene Sander and Louise M. Canfield-Sander, with the goal of fostering student research and engagement with water resources. [More Info](#)

## **2026 WRRC Water Outreach Internship – Last Chance to Apply!**

The WRRC is offering a paid summer internship to an enrolled U of A student to assist the Water Resources Research Center (WRRC) in updating information on its resources webpages about and from Arizona's water agencies and associations. This internship will expose the student to key state and regional water agencies, organizations, and associations, and the work will assist the public in understanding their roles and the information they share. It is made possible by the generosity of David Wegner, in support of the WRRC and its goal of mentoring students interested in careers in water resources. [More Info](#)

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- [ADWR: Multiple Positions Available](#)
  - [AWRA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Professional Development Scholarship](#)
  - [AWRA Richard A. Herbert Memorial Scholarship](#)

Please visit the [WRRC's website](#) for a complete listing of water jobs and opportunities.

# Calendar Announcements

- Mar 7: [El Rio Vivo Art & Music Festival](#)
- Mar 8–14: [National Groundwater Awareness Week](#)
- Mar 10: [Running on Empty: Facing Water Scarcity Across the Southwest – Session 3: Water Issues in Our Community](#)
- Mar 10: [U of A Earthweek Plenary Conference](#) – Abstract Deadline
- Mar 10: [AHS Tucson Chapter Meeting: Arizona Politics and the Colorado Compact](#)
- Mar 12: [AZ Water 2026 PFAS Forum](#)
- Mar 13: [7<sup>th</sup> Annual 2026 Arizona Agribusiness Roundtable](#)
- Mar 15: [Summer School H2O'Lyon – ZABR, Gravel Bed Rivers: Ecology,](#)

**Management and Relationships with Society – Application Deadline**

- Mar 16: **ENVS Colloquium – Poisoning the Well: How Forever Chemicals Contaminated America – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event**
- Mar 16: **Udall Center: Mo's Policy Scholars 15-Week Paid Research Mentorship for U of A Juniors and Seniors – Application Deadline**
- Mar 18: **AZ Water Association Water Conservation Committee Meeting & Drought Plan Implementation Webinar**
- Mar 18: **AWRA Webinar: An Overview of PFAS Transport in the Environment, Challenges, & Management Strategies**  
Mar 19: **AZ Water Association Spring 2026 Water Distribution Hands on Workshop**
- Mar 20: **Arizona Water Awareness Month Festival – Organization Booth Registration Deadline**
- Mar 20: **Water Whys Talk – InSightFull: The Ripple Effect of Math Accessibility Updates in Microsoft365**
- Mar 20: **Arizona Hydrological Society 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium – Abstract Deadline**
- Mar 21: **Days of Connection: World Water Day Celebration**
- Mar 22: **UN World Water Day: Where Water Flows, Equality Grows**
- Mar 23: **MDPI World Water Day 2026 Webinar: Water for All People – Governance, Security, and Access (9:00 am MST) – WRRRC Co-sponsored Event**

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