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News



University of Arizona Ranked #2 in Water Resources by US News

Each year, the US News & World Report ranks universities in over 50 fields of study based on research performance. In 2026, the U of A was ranked number two in the field of water resources. The U of A ranked #31 in water resources when compared to universities globally.

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WRRC Congratulates 2026 Graduates

As graduation approaches, we at the WRRC prepare to celebrate the accomplishments of the class of 2026. We are especially proud of the hard work of the graduating students who have spent time with us here at the WRRC, but we are always a bit sad to say goodbye. Congratulations to Ian, Noah, and the entire 2026 graduating class!

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WRRC Director Joins Clean Elections Arizona Water Policy Panel

Because water security is important to Arizona voters, the Arizona Clean Elections Commission produced video recordings of *Inside the Issues: Water Security in Arizona*, a transparent, nonpartisan conversation about the future of water in our state. WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal joined water experts from across the state in short discussion segments that provide voters with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions at the ballot box.

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Accolades Abound in University of Arizona HAS Department

As the Spring 2026 semester comes to a close, the University of Arizona Department of Hydrology and Atmospheric Sciences (HAS) is celebrating achievements by faculty members and students. The College of Science's Galileo Circle presented the 2026 Copernicus award to HAS Professor



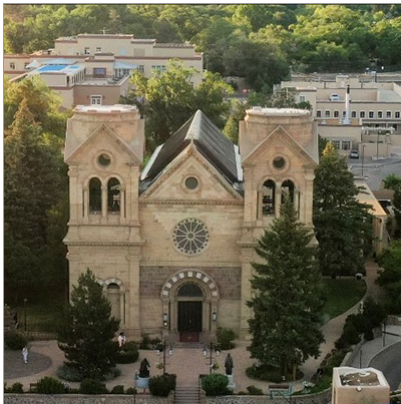
of Practice Martha Whitaker and the 2026 Curie Award to HAS Associate Professor Bo Guo, who is also a University Distinguished Scholar. Galileo Circle awards “represent some of the highest distinctions the College can bestow, celebrating individuals who inspire students and advance scientific discovery in profound ways.”

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SUMMER WAVE

The Summer Wave kicks off on Friday, May 29!

Events



CLE's 26th Annual Super Conference – Law of the Colorado River: Uncharted Waters: The Next Era of River Management

Date: May 18–19, 2026

Location: [La Fonda on the Plaza, Santa Fe, NM](#)

[More Info](#)

Upcoming WRRC Events

Jun
10

[WRRC Water Webinar: Global Water Bankruptcy: Living Beyond our Hydrological Means in the Post-Crisis Era; Featuring UNU-INWEH Director Kaveh Madani \(Recipient of the 2026 Stockholm Water Prize\) – Save the Date!](#)

Other Events

Aug
13–14

[CLE's 34th Annual SuperConference – Arizona Water Law: A Watershed Moment](#)

Sep
28–29

[CLE's 14th Annual Tribal Water Law Conference – Beyond the Settlement Table: Rights in a Post-Cooperation Era](#)

Water News

From the WRRC

- [WRRC Director Quoted in AZ Daily Star Article on Colorado River Cuts](#)
- [WRRC Director Quoted in Recent Stateline Article on Worsening Drought Conditions in Western States](#)
- [Cooperative Extension Article on WRRC 2026 Annual Conference](#)

Other News

- [Arizona Voters Rank Water Supply Above Immigration and Inflation, New Poll Finds \(AZ Mirror\)](#)
- [AHS Flagstaff Seeks Sponsorships for Upcoming Verde Headwaters Field School](#)
- [Registration Open for 2026 National PFAS Conference](#)
- [CAP Supports Historic Three-State Colorado River Deal \(Know Your Water News\)](#)
- [Lower Basin Plan May Buy Time Against Worsening Hydrology \(AMWUA Blog\)](#)
- [Phoenix-Area Water Cuts Would Be Less 'Devastating' Under New Colorado River Plan \(KJZZ\)](#)
- [New Colorado River Plan Could Give Arizona a 'Lifeline and Cause for Hope' \(KJZZ\)](#)
- [AWRA 2026 Abstract Deadline Is Approaching – Submissions Due May 22!](#)

Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

- [University of Arizona: Earth Grant Student Program](#)
- [University of Arizona: Liverman Undergraduate Environmental Fellows](#)

Program

- [University of Arizona: SAEMS Scholarship Application 2026](#) (Undergrad & Grad Students)

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

Calendar Announcements

- May 15: [NAU Exhibit Opening Reception: Our Water: Innovations and Collaborations in Arizona](#)
- May 16: [AHS 2026–2027 Arizona–Mexico Transboundary Scholarship – Application Deadline](#)
- May 18–19: [CLE's 26th Annual Super Conference – Law of the Colorado River: Uncharted Waters: The Next Era of River Management](#)
- May 18–20: [AWRA 2026 Geospatial Water Technology Conference: Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies](#)
- May 19: [AHS 3rd Annual Tucson Chapter Basin Bash](#)
- May 22: [AWRA 2026 Annual Water Resources Conference – Abstract Deadline](#)
- May 27: [Fireside Chat with Sarah Porter: Navigating Data Center Growth and Water in Arizona](#)
- May 27: [2026 AAWWA Wine, Women & Water Networking Cocktail Reception](#)
- May 28: [2026 AAWWA Colorado River Update](#)
- Jun 1: [Central Arizona Project Award for Water Research Call for Student Papers – Submission Deadline](#)
- Jun 4–7: [AHS Flagstaff Verde River Headwaters Field School](#)
- Jun 6: [WaterReuse Arizona 2026 Scholarships – Application Deadline](#)
- Jun 8–10: [UCOWR/NIWR 2026 Annual Water Resources Conference](#)
- Jun 8–10: [National PFAS Conference 2026](#)
- Jun 10: [WRRC Water Webinar: Global Water Bankruptcy: Living Beyond our Hydrological Means in the Post-Crisis Era; Featuring UNU-INWEH Director Kaveh Madani \(Recipient of the 2026 Stockholm Water Prize\) – Save the Date!](#)
- Jun 10: [AHS Phoenix: Annual Beer Tasting Fundraiser Event](#)

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