

UW-Green Bay: Freshwater Collaborative awards \$101,415 to UW-Green Bay to further research on freshwater fishing and the ag-water connection

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Green Bay, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin–Green Bay will receive \$101,415 for continued research and enhanced student training collaborations among UW System schools.

The funding is part of a statewide initiative, backed by the Wisconsin State Legislature and Gov. Tony Evers, to tackle Wisconsin's Grand Water Challenges and support curriculum development, undergraduate research opportunities, career development, and field training experiences for students interested in studying water-related fields at the 13 UW universities.

Funding includes support for the following student-involved projects at UW-Green Bay:

-\$7,800 – Economic impacts of Wisconsin fishing supported by The Freshwater Resources of Lake Michigan and Bay of Green Bay (Joint UW-Green Bay and UW-Whitewater)

-\$14,313 – Leveraging the strength of the Wisconsin Agriculture-Water Nexus Network (WAW2N) for transformative student experiences (Joint UW-Green Bay with UW-Stout, UW-Platteville, UW-River Falls, UW-Stevens Point and UW-Madison)

-\$79,302 – Evaluation of downstream juvenile lake sturgeon passage through two dams on the Menominee River

“We are excited by this new pulse of funding awarded to support student experiences and research. These projects will allow students to gain critical research skills in fish ecology and environmental economics,” said Emily Tyner, director of Freshwater Strategy for UW-Green Bay. “The collaborative nature of these projects will expose students to the breadth of water-focused faculty and programs across the UW System.”

Students will be involved in projects and programs that include expansion of the Wisconsin Agriculture-Water Nexus Network, summer field experiences in northeast Wisconsin, lab and field training in water quality techniques, examination of the economic impact of recreational and commercial fishing, and an examination of how juvenile lake sturgeon move through dammed rivers.

“Our latest funded projects will create new collaborations and strengthen existing partnerships among the UW institutions and external partners that will further enhance the student experience and prepare undergraduates for careers in Wisconsin’s workforce,” said Marissa Jablonski, executive director for the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin. “We were very pleased that many of the projects will involve students, faculty and staff at multiple universities.”

Freshwater Collaborative funding to date has been awarded to UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-La Crosse, UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, UW Oshkosh, UW-Parkside, UW-Platteville, UW-River Falls, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stout, UW-Superior and UW-Whitewater.

Grant descriptions for the latest funded projects are available at <https://freshwater.wisconsin.edu/funded-projects-august-2022/>

Startup funding for the Freshwater Collaborative was provided in 2019 by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and the UW System. In July 2021, the Wisconsin State Legislature and Gov. Evers approved \$5 million in the biennial budget to expand the Collaborative’s ability to train water professionals and establish Wisconsin as a leader in water-related science and economic growth. The Freshwater Collaborative awarded \$3.42 million in March 2022.

About the Freshwater Collaborative

The Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin is a partnership of Wisconsin's 13 public universities, connecting with industry partners, local communities, policymakers and advocacy groups. The Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin is training the next generation of scientists to solve global water resource problems through academic programs, collaborative research and career development across the UW System. Learn more at freshwater.wisconsin.edu.

About the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

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