Diversifying Water Workforce

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- **Mission**
  Addresses water issues affecting Colorado communities through meaningful collaboration and engagement, education and training, and applied research.

- **Focus Areas**
  - **Water Workforce Development**
    - Education, training, student internships, scholarships, networking opportunities
  - **Water Equity**
    - Programs that promote equitable access to water resources and diverse water workforce
  - **Water Fellows Program**
  - **Agricultural Water Management**
    - Research and promote adoption of low water crop management practices
Water Challenges
Water Fellows Program

The Colorado Water Center (CoWC) Water Fellows Program advances the next generation of diverse water leaders by training and connecting undergraduate and graduate students from historically excluded/marginalized communities or identities to careers and opportunities in the water field.

- **Program Details**
  - Students receive a $1000 stipend per academic year
  - Monthly meetings on a variety of water topics
    - Water Law, Water quality, Water equity, Agriculture, etc
  - Participate in Colorado water conferences for free
  - Summer Internships
2023-2024 Water Fellows

25 Water Fellows, 18 Majors

- Anthropology
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Chemical and Biological Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Ecosystem Science and Sustainability
- Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Ethnic Studies
- Family and Consumer Services
- Geosciences
- Horticulture
- Political Science
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Social Science - Society and the Environment
- Soil and Crop Sciences
- Systems Engineering
2023-2024 Water Fellows

Colorado State University - Fort Collins
20 students
1st Year (2), 2nd Year (1), 3rd Year (3), 4th Year/ 5th Year (6), Masters (6), Ph.D. (2)

Denver Water Fellows
Metropolitan State University, One World One Water Center
5 students
3rd year (2), 4th/5th year (2), Masters (1)
Connection to Water Experts
Expanding Colorado Water Fellows Program

- **Funded by:**
  - Colorado Water Conservation Board
  - CSU Spur

- **2-year Pilot Program**
  - Colorado Mesa University, Ruth Powell Hutchins Water Center
  - Fort Lewis College, Four Corners Water Center
  - Metropolitan State University, One World, One Water Center
  - University of Colorado
  - University of Denver Strum College of Law

- **Reaching an additional 50 students**
Ways to get involved

https://watercenter.colostate.edu/studentfellows/

- Apply to be a guest speaker
- Submit a 2024 Summer Internship
- Sponsor students
- Water Fellows Website
Thank you!

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