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J-WAFS Awards Solutions Grants for '18-'19

Grants will support affordable tech for small-scale farmers and simple wearable water test kits.

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J-WAFS Fellow Named to WEF Global Future Council

Congrats to Sarah Fletcher ('18) for her fellowship to the Global Future Council on Food Systems and Innovation!

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J-WAFS Research Affiliate Changing the World

Xylem, Inc., whose mission is to "solve water," was named among *Fortune's* 2018 Top 10 "Change the World" companies.

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J-WAFS Welcomes Visiting Scholar Md. Saidul Islam

Prof. Islam, environmental sociologist from Singapore, will spend the fall semester at MIT.

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IN-DEPTH LOOK

WORLD WATER WEEK: MIT STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVES

MIT Students Attend Stockholm World Water Week

During the final week of August, 2018, four MIT students (both current and recently graduated) attended World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden. Travel stipends from J-WAFS and our Research Affiliate, Xylem, Inc., supported their participation in this eight-day international event for an in-depth look at water, ecosystems, and human development through research, policy, and industry engagement.

These four scholars—who approach water sector research through various lenses including urban design, international and domestic policy, and engineering—attended panels and participated in hands-on workshops, facility tours, and networking events. They reported on their experiences to J-WAFS throughout the week. Highlights and photos of their week at the prestigious conference can be viewed here.

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EVENTS

FOOD & WATER



Xylem Tech Talk and Career Event

Sept. 20, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Join the Water Club and Xylem's senior manager for software and data analytics, Rich Kijewski, for an info session on careers in the water industry. [MORE INFO](#)



MIT Startup Workshop: AgTech

Sept. 26, 9 AM - 1 PM

What tech is leading food sustainability efforts? Join J-WAFS' partner Rabobank, of the Rabobank-MIT Food and Ag Innovation Prize, and others to find out. [MORE INFO](#)



Rain Harvesting in the Indian Desert

Oct. 15, 6 - 7:30 PM

Learn how Jodhpur-based architect A. Mrdul is drawing on indigenous water-saving technologies for a current project in a water-stressed Indian city. [MORE INFO](#)



Not-to-Miss MIT Water Club Events

The Water Club will be active this fall with numerous events open to the MIT community and beyond. See below for details.

2018 MIT Water Summit: Thirsty Cities [MORE INFO](#)

Water Innovation Prize Kick-off Dinner [MORE INFO](#)

Monthly Meetings, Talks, and Lunchtime Events [MORE INFO](#)



MIT Food and Agriculture Club Opportunities

Join the MIT Food and Ag Club for learning, entrepreneurship, and networking events focused on the food and agriculture sectors. The FAC is also looking for new members. Meet their leadership and explore opportunities to get involved at these fall events. See below for details.

MIT Food and Agriculture Club Kick-off Event [MORE INFO](#)

Lunch + Learn: The Story Behind the Food [MORE INFO](#)

Rabobank-MIT Food and Agribusiness Innovation Prize [MORE INFO](#)

FUNDING

AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Lemelson-MIT Prize for
Student Innovations

Apply for a VentureWell
E-Team Grant

Deadline:

September 28, 2018

National student innovation competition for inventions in the food and water sectors, among others.

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Deadline:

October 3, 2018

Startup grants for student-led teams with sustainable agriculture and cleantech inventions.

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UChicago Water Sector Faculty Position

Deadline:

October 10, 2018

A water-related faculty position is open at UChicago's Institute for Molecular Engineering.

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Idea for finding Water on Mars? NASA has support

Deadline:

October 12, 2018

Submit to NASA's RASC-AL challenge with ideas for harvesting water from Mars and the moon.

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J-WAFS is an Institute-wide effort that brings MIT's unique strengths to bear on the many challenges of food and water supply.

Our program catalyzes MIT research, innovation, and technology for ensuring safe and resilient supplies of water and food while reducing environmental impact, to meet the local and global needs of a rapidly expanding and evolving population on a changing planet.

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