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***Deadline Approaching* J-WAFS Travel Grant**

Apply for a grant to join leaders from around the world at Stockholm World Water Week. *(MIT grad students only)*

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Three Student Teams Win MIT Water Innovation Prize

Last month, student teams pitched water startups. Winners were awarded for reducing methane emissions and cleaning textile wastewater.

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Rabobank-MIT Prize Supports Food & Ag Solutions

This month, student teams pitched innovations in food and agriculture. The winning teams are devising solutions for smallholder farmer financing in India and aquaculture.

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Designing Water Infrastructure for Climate Resilience

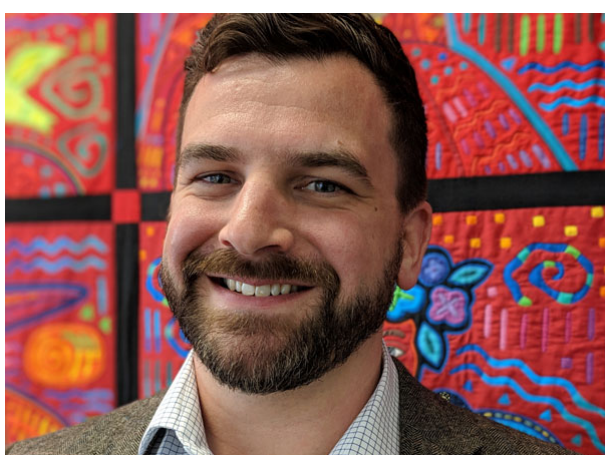
J-WAFS fellow Sarah Fletcher PhD '18 published a strategy for designing large-scale water projects to accommodate climate uncertainty.

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MIT Students Honor J-WAFS Faculty

J-WAFS director John Lienhard and PI Susan Murcott each received a Commitment to Caring award for their exemplary mentorship and support for students at MIT.

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J-WAFS Welcomes New Research Manager

Join us in welcoming Greg Sixt, PhD, who is leading a study on the impact of climate change on agriculture.

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IN-DEPTH LOOK

NEW J-WAFS RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP

MIT and IIT Ropar Launch Seed Fund to Address Food, Water, and Agriculture Challenges in

India

Last month, representatives from J-WAFS, [MIT India](#), and the [Indian Institute of Technology Ropar \(IIT Ropar\)](#) gathered for a signing ceremony to formally launch a new faculty seed fund. The seed fund will help initiate new water- and food systems-related research collaborations between faculty and research scientists from MIT and IIT-Ropar. This new partnership leverages the strengths of two leading universities to address the world's pressing challenges around water supply and food security. "The [collaboration] will provide MIT researchers with a direct window into the agricultural and water resources environment of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh in India," said John Lienhard, J-WAFS director and Abdul Latif Jameel Professor of Water at MIT.



managing director of MIT-India. The call for proposals will open this month.

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EVENTS

FOOD & WATER



Founders and Farmers: Venture Investing in Agriculture

[May 14 / 4 - 6 PM / 610 Main Street, Cambridge, MA](#)

Join LifeHub Boston for another event in their AgConnect series, a discussion about the role of venture capital in agriculture. [MORE INFO](#)

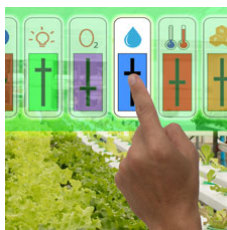


GREENTOWN LABS

Greentown Labs Demo Day

[Jun. 7 / 1 - 6 PM / 444 Somerville Ave., Somerville, MA](#)

Tour Greentown Labs, a tech incubator that has housed one of J-WAFS' spinout companies, and network with cleantech entrepreneurs and investors. [MORE INFO](#)



Digital Agriculture: The Next Agricultural Revolution

[Jun. 11 / 4 - 6 PM / 610 Main Street, Cambridge, MA](#)

Meet with local agriculture sector entrepreneurs leveraging technology to support innovation in the field in this LifeHub Boston event. [MORE INFO](#)



New England Water Innovation Network Water Pitch Night

[Jun. 19 / 5:30 - 8:30 PM / 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA](#)

Join NEWIN for a pitch night on the impact of IT in the water sector. Keynote by Gigi Karmous-Edwards of Karmous-Edwards Digital Consulting. [MORE INFO](#)

FUNDING

AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

TERRA AgriFood Accelerator

[Deadline: May 12, 2019](#)
(Open to All)

J-WAFS Travel Grant

[Deadline: May 15, 2019](#)
(MIT Only)

Rabobank and RocketSpace seek mature agrifood startups for this four-month accelerator program.

[MORE INFO](#)

As stated above: Travel grant supporting students to join leaders from around the world at the 2019 Stockholm World Water Week.

[MORE INFO](#)

Fellowship for Meat Industry Research

Deadline: May 31, 2019

(Open to all)

Four-month fellowship for PhD students providing up to \$25K for research addressing the negative impacts of industrial meat production.

[MORE INFO](#)

Apply for a FFAR Seeding Solutions Grant

Deadline: Aug. 7, 2019

(Open to All)

Grants of up to \$1M from the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research available for projects that address six food and water systems challenge areas.

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INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING J-WAFS?

When you make a gift, you are making an investment in both the future of J-WAFS and our Institute-wide work to improve the productivity, accessibility, and sustainability of the world's water and food systems.

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

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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