

**Hiring for Hydro™ - Portland, OR**  
**Wednesday, February 22, 2023 3:00-4:30 p.m.**  
**Hosting Sponsor – Northwest Hydroelectric Association**

## **Get Involved with the Hiring for Hydro Career Fair at the NWAHA Conference**

NWAHA is pleased to provide members with a career fair to help attract new students to hydropower during our Annual Conference. In response to member input, this event is completely sponsored by NWAHA and will provide free access to NWAHA members to participate.

**What:** Career Fair for graduating students from schools in the Northwest

**When:** February 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the Foyer of the Annual Conference

**Who:** NWAHA members receive complimentary access to a table at the career fair, the resume book, and networking with students and attendees. (Note: available until sold out, and non-members can register for \$1,000/table).

**Next Steps:** Share with your human resources teams to ensure you get a table before they are sold out. You can secure your table through the [event registration website](#).

### **Details:**

#### **The Original Renewable Energy is Creating Jobs!**

The hydropower industry employs over 300,000 workers. With an expanding fleet of hydropower and a retiring workforce, now is the time to join the industry. Hydropower continues to grow, and an estimated 700,000 jobs will be created by 2025.

Hiring for Hydro™ brings together students from colleges throughout the Northwest to participate in an educational workshop about careers in hydropower, followed by a special recruiting session. The Hydropower Foundation established the event to address the industry's hiring needs, build academic interest at the college level and create a strong conduit between industry and regional schools.

- Since its inception in 2017, Hiring for Hydro™ has reached over 200 students from over 14 colleges in the Pacific Northwest who have participated in an educational workshop about careers in hydropower and recruiting sessions.
- A one-day event sponsored by the Northwest Hydroelectric Association will happen at the 2023 Annual Conference.



- Students participate in a jam-packed day that includes a Hydro101 session, resume building, an opportunity to learn about hydropower career opportunities from partnering organizations, and most importantly, the chance to meet and network with hydropower industry professionals and potential employers. The program is working, and students are getting hired! You too might find your next employee!
- The event brings excited students seeking jobs or internships and who have taken coursework related to energy, all things engineering, hydropower, project management, environmental science, and even trade students are invited too! Students pursuing certificates in welding, machining, and operations are welcome to join in on the fun!
- To sign up, visit the NWA [Annual Conference website](#) and register through the registration page.

*Student Testimonials:*

*“Thank you! Again, I really want to express how grateful I am for the Hydro Foundation and how Hiring for Hydro™ helped me get introduced to working in hydro. Keep up the good work!”*

*– Annika Kallstrom, Business Technology Analyst, Chelan County PUD*

*“While at the event, I learned about how hydropower positively impacts our communities. I also learned about the role of engineers in hydropower, the types of problems engineers work on, and the values hydropower companies hold highest. The environment of hydropower was attractive to me and something that I would be very interested in being involved with in the future.”*

*– Alex Junge, Civil/Energy Engineer WSP*

*“Being able to further explore the hydropower industry and receive feedback on my hydropower senior project is what drove me to participate in the event. But as I listened to the Hydro 101 session and listened to the spokesmen for PG&E and SMUD, I was more than glad to be able to attend. Their presentations alone were welcoming, and they motivated me to consider going into hydropower for my career!”*

*-Julian Medrano, Electrical Engineer - California State University-Sacramento – Participant of Hiring for Hydro 2022 in Sacramento, CA*